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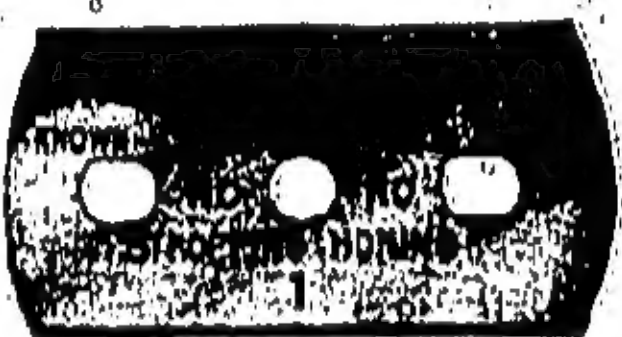
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COURT SPECTATOR'S GRAVE ACTION.

HIS LORDSHIP'S THREAT.

FURTHER ATHERLEY CASE EVIDENCE.

There was a dramatic interruption as this morning's hearing of Criminal Sessions proceedings against Mr. James Edward Atherley drew to its conclusion.

The comrade of Getz Bros. Co. (of the Orient) Ltd., was giving evidence with regard to the charges of fraudulent conversion against Mr. Atherley, the former manager, when he caught the eye of someone in the court and appeared to hesitate.

"My Lord," said Mr. Zeiltn (instructed for prisoner by Messrs. Hall and Hind), "I saw that gentleman sitting next to the auditor, I don't know who he is, distinctly shake his head at the witness."

Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist for the Attorney-General): It was very wrong of him to do so, if he actually did, but I can't say I noticed it. He is an interpreter in the employ of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist.

His Lordship: Did the jury notice anything?

Mr. Silva (foreman) replied that they had noticed the man in question shake his head.

His Lordship (addressing the man in question): Get out of court. If I see anything of that kind again I will send you to prison for gross contempt of court.

The interpreter stopped on his way out to talk to a solicitor.

"Get out of court at once, sir," said His Lordship.

The comrade who was giving evidence at the time gave a different answer to the question asked him than he had done previously.

His Lordship drew his attention to this and asked him if this had anything to do with the other interpreter's signal.

The witness replied to the question of advances made to Mr. Atherley, that whatever bill of Mr. Atherley's he (the comrade) paid which Mr. Atherley said was not a personal account he looked to the Company to pay for.

Cross-examined by Mr. Zeiltn, the comrade admitted making large loans to Mr. Atherley for his personal needs. These included rent of house, personal effects and clothes, drink, food, ferry ticket, hire of boys, services to house, etc.

Mr. Zeiltn put it to witness that all the money transactions passing between him and Mr. Atherley throughout the whole period of the latter's duty as manager were transactions in which money was advanced for his personal use and personal security and were not to do with business.

This the witness denied and the question of an advance to Mr. Atherley of \$1,500 for his wife's passage home then came under review. Witness admitted lending Mr. Atherley this money.

"Mr. Atherley told me that when I collected the money I was not to pay into the Bank because he wanted it for his wife's passage," said the witness.

Mr. Zeiltn: I put it to you that that is false. Do you think that his wife is a member of the Company?

Witness: Mr. Atherley was manager and when he wanted money I was bound by my agreement to pay him.

Mr. Zeiltn: What clause of the agreement?

Witness quoted the part under which he could be called upon at any moment to account for and deliver company moneys.

"Mr. Zeiltn: Do you suggest that this is instruction to you to pay for the manager's baby's milk or his own champagne?"

Witness maintained that he had no option but to pay money to the manager when he asked for it.

Witness was also cross-examined by Mr. Zeiltn as to the auditing of the books. Asked if the audit was to see whether or not he (the comrade) had charged his liabilities to the firm by paying money into the Bank, witness said that the firm's books and what the firm's books showed were correct.

BETTER HOPES.

HOTEL CO.'S LATEST ACTIVITIES.

A.B. BATCHELOR'S DEATH.

"Better than hoped for at first" is the opinion regarding the resumption of full activities at the Hongkong Hotel after the fire on New Year Day.

It is learned that steps will be taken to retrieve a part of the first floor of the main wing for use with the new building. A "China Mail" reporter was informed that a wall is likely to be erected shutting off the part considered dangerous. This course will mean the addition of more space in the hotel for public use.

Meanwhile Messrs. Palmer and Turner have still to decide more important questions.

It is also understood that the scaffolding erected around the damaged part will serve to remove, where possible, dangers, but demolishing work may not start for some days.

The Hotel management have written to Vice-Admiral Sir E. Alexander Sinclair asking for guidance as to giving tangible recognition of the service of A.B. Batchelor who was killed while assisting, as a volunteer, in fighting the fire. A reply is awaited.

ASYLUM CASE.

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY CHARGE.

Further evidence was taken at the Central Magistracy this morning in the case against two Chinese (one being a ward boy) charged with conspiring together to obtain the release of one Lee Ah-Lei, a patient at the Government Lunatic Asylum, together with his belongings, with intent to defraud.

At the previous hearing it was stated in evidence by Mr. James X. and a ward master that the first defendant, who claimed to be a broker of the patient, failed to give satisfactory answers to questions as to the patient's name and the date of his admittance. The police were then notified and took the men into custody.

Mr. M. W. Lo appeared for the first defendant this morning, when the case was again adjourned until Wednesday after the evidence of an office boy and another witness who was with the first defendant when the visit to the Asylum was made.

NEWS FOR PUBLIC.

PEACE DELEGATES TO REPORT.

The Hon. Sir Shou-sun Chow and the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall have convened a meeting for this afternoon at the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, when the merchant delegates who have just returned from Canton will discuss their report.

An announcement appears in the vernacular papers asking the Chinese mercantile public to attend to hear what negotiations were conducted towards settlement of the strike.

CIVIL SERVICE C.C.

The following will represent the Civil Service C.C. 1st XI (away) in a league match with Craighower on Saturday—F. J. de Rome (Capt.), G. R. Sayer, E. B. Reed, E. W. Hamilton, B. D. Evans, H. G. Wallington, E. C. Fincher, A. E. Wood, F. E. Lawrence, F. Baker, F. H. Holdman, Reserve: H. F. Harper.

The 2nd XI (home) v. H.K.C.C. 2nd XI, friendly, will be—W. E. Edmonds (Capt.), H. F. Harper, C. H. Beardsall, F. E. Boker, H. F. Westlake, H. E. Strange, A. W. Grimmett, E. W. Carr, B. C. Hawkins, E. A. Bastin, C. Sara, Reserve: G. E. Ursell, G. G. Edwards, B. A. Smith.

FENG RETIRING.

URGES SUPPORT FOR TUAN CHI-JUI.

A CIRCULAR TELEGRAM.

(Reuter's Service.)
Peking, Jan. 4.
General Feng Yu-hsiang has issued a circular telegram stating that he is giving up public life and going abroad and urging the



Feng Yu-hsiang.

military party to support Tuan Chi-jui in working for the settlement of the country.

EARLY CABLE.

Peking, Jan. 4.
Chinese cables report that the Chief Executive, Tuan Chi-jui, has sent General Liu Chi-jung, who is under the patronage of Tuan retiring on January 15.

The spokesman of the Kuomintang (People's Army) states that Feng Yu-hsiang insists on retiring from public life. The statement is made that another circular telegram to that effect will be issued very shortly.

It is reported that Tu Hsi-kwai, who is under the patronage of Sun Chuan-fang, has telegraphed his refusal of the portfolio of Minister of the Navy.

CHINA FIASCO.

MISGUIDED POLICY OF POWERS.

TIME TO END IT?

(Reuter's Service.)

London, January 4.
The "Daily Telegraph" thinks it matters little to China whether Feng Yu-hsiang stays or goes. Another aspirant to power will replace him, and he is exposed to the same sort of danger of a possible combination of Chang Tso-lin with other rivals of Feng's.

The paper proceeds to refer to the remarkable improvement in the revenue in 1925, compared with 1924, as revealed in Sir Francis Anglen's annual report in spite of social confusion. It expresses the opinion that if the "unequal treaties" are abrogated, complete tariff autonomy obtained, and extra-territorial privileges abolished, the investor in Chinese or foreign loans secured upon the revenues would be whistling for his money. It believes that the removal of the security afforded by the extra-territorial status certainly would lead to far graver events than have hitherto occurred. Such a step "became obviously not the question before the International Commission proposed in Peking."

The article concludes by enquiring if it is not time that the Powers moved in the direction of recognizing the existing facts of the situation and ending the Chinese international "fiasco" about the disputed revenues in favor of the state.

SUNDAY CINEMAS.

GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS WITHDRAWN.

WEEK DAY HOURS?

The "China Mail" understands officially that the restrictions hitherto obtaining in respect of Sunday cinema hours of opening have been withdrawn and that the Government has now no objection to the week day hours of opening applying to Sunday also.

A state of affairs thus ends as to the desirability of which public opinion was divided, although the general body of it (judging from very considerable correspondence in the "China Mail" last year) was in favour of allowing such facilities. The "dullness" of a certain wet Sunday was used as an illustration by those favouring the removal of the restrictions.

The first sign of the Government's change of opinion was the concession made on Sunday, December 27, when week-day hours were allowed as it was holiday time. The appreciation of the change, voiced through the "China Mail," no doubt influenced the Government in coming to their decision.

TRAFFIC OFFENCES.

THIS MORNING'S CASES.

A SEQUEL TO A CHASE.

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, Major Stanford was cautioned for leaving his motor car outside "Rogate" unattended on December 18.

Resulting from a complaint made by Mrs. W. W. Hirst, who was a passenger in a motor bus, the driver was charged with carrying five passengers in excess of the number allowed. A fine of \$10 was imposed.

John Manner was thanked by the Magistrate (Mr. E. W. Hamilton) after he had given evidence against a Chinese motor driver charged with reckless driving and on two other counts of having no lights. Witness said that his driver had to swerve to a side on the Castle Peak Road when the defendant's car came from the opposite direction travelling on the wrong side of the road at about 25 to 30 miles an hour. He gave chase and overtook the defendant's car, which had no rear light and only one front light. Fines of \$50 and \$10 were imposed on the first and third charges.

CENTRAL CASE.

At the Central Magistracy this morning, Mr. G. H. Wilson was fined \$5 for causing an obstruction by leaving his car in Pedder Street near the Hongkong Hotel.

PRINCE ARRESTED.

FORGERY OF BANK NOTES.

CRIME OF PATRIOTS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Budapest, January 4.
The circulation at The Hague of a quantity of forged 1,000 franc French bank notes, apparently produced in Hungary, has led to the arrest of two Hungarians in Holland, also the arrest here of the private secretary and valet of Prince Louis Windischgratz, who is ex-Minister of Supplies.

A further sensation has now been caused by the arrest of the Prince himself, who is a Privy Councillor and a member of one of the most distinguished families in Central Europe.

According to the cautiously worded official statement, the forgeries were executed not for reasons of personal gain but assumed patriotic grounds.

The Minister of the Interior has ordered an investigation of certain officials in the State may printing

TODAY'S HOMER.

The "China Mail" understands

A GOOD REASON.

WHY DEFENDANT WAS ABSENT.

HIS CHILDREN STOLEN.

The kidnapping of his two children was held to be quite sufficient reason for a defendant's non-appearance in court this morning.

A Chinese should have appeared in answer to a summons respecting money borrowing, but Mr. C. A. S. Russ, handed in a letter received from the elders of the defendant's native village.

This letter concerned the whereabouts of the defendant's little boy and girl who lived up country and had been kidnapped for the purpose of holding them to ransom. The village elders had obtained knowledge of the whereabouts of the kidnappers and kidnapped and had written to the father telling him he must leave at once and instruct them.

The delay would probably be in the neighbourhood of three weeks, said Mr. Russ and an adjournment for that period was granted.

HOTEL FIRE.

CONFUSION CAUSED IN TOKYO.

TOURISTS INCONVENIENCED.

Tokyo, Jan. 5.

The "Nichi Nichi," in a special report, states that fire destroyed the Nikko Hotel last night, causing confusion, as it was crowded with tourists from the liner "Beigenland."

There were no casualties, but the loss is estimated at half a million yen.

MUKDEN MENACE.

CHANG'S REGRET TO THE JAPANESE.

REINFORCEMENTS RECALLED.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, January 6.

The War Department announces that the remaining reinforcements which were sent to Manchuria last month are withdrawing on Thursday and Friday and returning to Japan.

It also announces that General Chang and General Son have sent messages to the Kwangtung and Japanese authorities requesting that the recent disturbances threatened Japanese lives and property.

KUO'S DOWNFALL.

CIVIL OFFICIALS STILL IN REFUGE.

CHANG DEMANDS SURRENDER.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, January 4.

Foreign Office advices from Mukden state that eight of Kuo Sung-lin's civil officials are still being refuge in the Japanese Consulate at Haiminfu.

Marshall Chang Tso-lin insists that they be turned over to him.

It is understood that the Japanese Government has instructed Consuls and railway guards that the refugees must be protected at all costs, thus creating a somewhat delicate situation vis-a-vis Chang.

It is expected that extra guards will be sent from Mukden to Haiminfu for the purpose of escorting the refugees to the Mukden Consulate.

Chang Tso-lin's troops are said to be watching the Consulate at Haiminfu to prevent the escape of the refugees.

Chang refused emphatically the Japanese position that he should show mercy to the followers of Kuo.

KUO'S OFFICERS.

Peking, January 4.
The wife of Kuo Sung-lin's son, which surrendered, have been organized as an army brigade under General Chang Tso-lin. Officers below colonel rank are permitted to wear uniforms but are not allowed to wear hats.

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PROGRESS IN SIAM.
Market Steady Increase.

The current issue of "Petter's Monthly News," the organ of the well-known engine and foundry works at Yeovil, contains an interesting reference to Siam, written by Mr. G. H. Crane-Williams, who is at present touring the East. The article is of special interest just now in view of the death of King Rama VI., to whose wise administration during the last fifteen years Siam owes so much. Mr. Williams says that Siam has at last awakened to a sense of her true position. With exceptionally valuable resources, it was notoriously that progress along the lines of western civilisation came but slowly and entirely disproportionate to the revenue accruing to this State. One very obvious reason for this lay in the fact that her sons, assimilating the veneer of occidental culture and education with marvellous ease, returned to their native land scornful of any calling or profession not intimately associated with the Crown, thus swelling the ranks of the Services and leaving the industrial army badly officered and sadly attenuated. This led, Mr. Crane-Williams points out, to a good deal of internal complication and the question of taxation and finance generally, became in such a state that it was decided to appoint Sir Edward Cook as Financial Adviser to the kingdom with very wide powers to act. Steps have been taken to remedy the trouble, and there is no doubt that the country will ultimately emerge solidly prosperous. Business is by no means at a standstill, the ordinary requirements of the country are daily being supplied, and in engineering lines there is a marked steady increase. The opinion formed by Mr.

Williams is that there will be a solid advancement in Siam during the next decade and a closer touch should be established with Siam. Already the governing classes having seen the red light are thinking to devote themselves to commerce and in this they will be assisted by the Government. In another part of "Petter's Monthly News" we are told that, although it is realised that the Siamese market is strictly limited, as far as machinery generally is concerned, the firm of Petter's, Limited, is well satisfied with the progress made.

DIRECTORS DIFFER.

British North Borneo Co.

With the report just issued of the British North Borneo (Chartered) Company¹ there is also a circular which reveals to shareholders a sharp conflict of opinion among the members of the Directorate. An important change in financial policy is objected to strongly by three out of the seven directors (these including the President and Vice-President), who contend that

the change is too drastic and has the effect of depriving shareholders of a dividend which could be paid. The reasons given in the annual report for passing this dividend are the urgent need for conserving the company's liquid resources and the large sums the court of directors has felt bound to charge to reserve. The dissentients ask for proxies in favour of the adjournment of consideration of the report, pending

of the company in co-operation with another firm of auditors, to examine the accounts and report

whether large transfers from capital to revenue account now recommended are necessary; and whether the present financial position of the company would justify a dividend for 1924 being

ur recommended. The majority
re directors, in replying, state that
— if the accounts are adopted at the

meeting on December 8 they will be quite willing to meet afterwards a committee of three.

four representative "shareholders" and to give in detail the fullest information.

information possible regarding the company's position. In the circumstances shareholders will

10. have to discharge the duty of
11. deciding between two groups of
directors whose policies are 'irre-

concillable, and the meeting should be very interesting.

The municipal President of

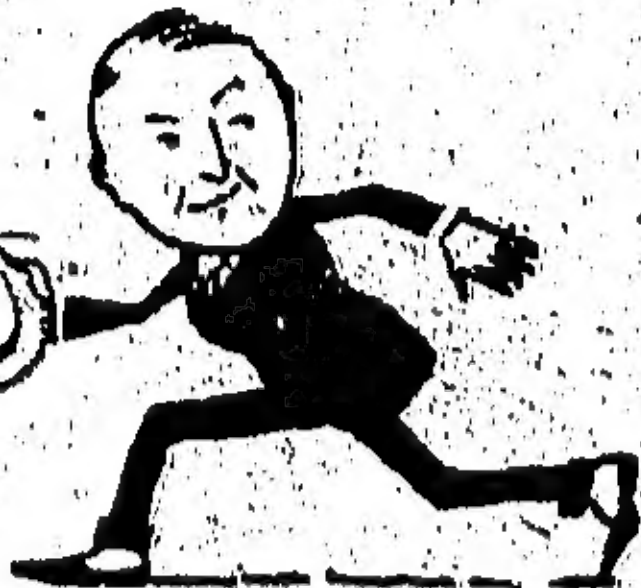
ingian, London, reports to the Bureau of Commerce and Industry that during the month of

November, last, the following were exported from that place to other parts of the Philippines:-

2,894 sacks of rice valued at P27,503.54; 3,004 sacks of corn

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Butcher Meat.

		December 18, June, June,	
		1925. 1918. 1914.	
		Cts.	Cts.
Beef Sirloin.....	牛 尾 把	lb.	30 24
" Prime Cut.....	"	"	30 23 12
" Corned.....	咸 牛 肉	"	30 23 12
" Breast.....	牛 肉	"	24 20 18
" Soup.....	湯 牛 肉	"	22 20 18
" Steak.....	牛 柳	"	30 24 22
" Steak Sirloin.....	牛 柳	"	45 30 35
" Sausages.....	牛 腸	"	40 36 20
Bullock's Brains.....	牛 牛 腦	per set	15 18 12
" Tongue, fresh.....	牛 牛 舌	each	90 50 60
" Tongue, corned.....	牛 牛 舌	"	— 60 —
" Head.....	牛 牛 頭	"	\$1.50 — \$1.50
" Heart.....	牛 牛 心	lb.	24 13 14
" Hump, Salt.....	牛 牛 肩	"	20 18
" Feet.....	牛 牛 腳	each	3 10 12
" Kidneys.....	牛 牛 腎	"	15 10 12
" Tail.....	牛 牛 尾	"	30 20 22
" Liver.....	牛 牛 肝	lb.	24 18 14
" Tripe.....	牛 牛 肚	"	12 6 7
Calves' Head & Feet.....	牛 牛 頭 牛 牛 腳	set	\$1.20 \$1.00 \$1.00
Mutton Chop.....	羊 羊 排	lb.	55 25 —
" Leg.....	羊 羊 腿	"	55 26 —
" Shoulder.....	羊 羊 肩	"	63 24 —
" Saddle.....	羊 羊 鞍	"	55 — —
Pig's Chindings.....	猪 猪 肉	"	40 — 27
" Brains.....	猪 猪 腦	Per set	5 — 12
" Feet.....	猪 猪 腳	lb.	22 13 —
" Fry.....	猪 猪 什	"	40 13 18
" Head.....	猪 猪 頭	"	24 23 —
" Heart.....	猪 猪 心	each	14 10 18
" Kidneys.....	猪 猪 腎	"	12 10 8
" Liver.....	猪 猪 肝	lb.	62 30 24
Pork Chop.....	猪 猪 排	"	42 25 23
" Leg.....	猪 猪 腿	"	45 — —
" Loin.....	猪 猪 後	"	48 28 27
" Fat or Lard.....	猪 猪 油	"	30 21 —
Sheep's Head & Feet.....	羊 羊 頭 羊 羊 腳	per set	90 60 70
" Heart.....	羊 羊 心	"	15 8 7
" Kidneys.....	羊 羊 腎	"	15 12 10
" Liver.....	羊 羊 肝	"	55 29 25
Sucking Pig, to order.....	乳 猪	"	25 25 22
Suet, Beef.....	牛 牛 油	"	30 20 18
" Mutton.....	羊 羊 油	"	55 26 24
Veal.....	牛 牛 仔	"	38 20 19
" Sausages.....	牛 牛 仔	"	40 20 20
No. 1.....		"	82 —

Poultry.

		December 18, June, June			
		1925, 1912, 1914			
		Cts.	Cts.	Cts.	
Chicken	雞	lb.	85	80	81
Capons, Small	雞	"	60	28	80
Capons, Large	雞	"	70	28	80
Duck	鴨	"	93	22	21
Doves	斑鳩	each	23	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞蛋	per doz.	30	18	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	鮮雞蛋	"	40	25	20
Powls, Canton	新本坡雞	lb.	—	36	24
Powls, Malacca	地南雞	"	55	28	—
Geese	海鴨	"	45	24	24
Pigeons, Canton	鴿	each	—	30	—
" Hoihow	白海鴿	"	40	23	—
Turkeys, Cook	火火雞	lb.	\$1.00	—	—
Turkeys, Hen	公雞	"	90	55	45
Snipe	沙田	each	—	—	—
Pheasant	追風	pair	\$1.60	—	—
Quail	鶉	"	40	—	2
Partridges	鶉	"	\$1.10	—	—

Fruits.

Almonds	杏仁	仁	lb.	70	35	—
Apples (California)	山打根	果	"	22	24	—
Bananas (bride's)	香蕉	子	"	6	4	—
Carambola	楊梅	子	"	—	12	—
Cocoanuts	椰子	殼	cach	14	10	10
Lemons, China	檸檬	子	lb.	14	7	—
Lemons (America)	山打根	果	cach	8	8	—
Lichoes, Dried	荔枝	干	"	30	25	30
Oranges (Canton)	桔	子	"	12	—	—
Oranges	橙	子	"	22	—	15
Pears (Canton)	沙花	梨	"	14	10	12
Peanuts	花生	子	"	14	10	12
Persimmons, Large	大	柿	"	—	12	—
Plantain	大	蕉	"	—	5	8
Puacelo, Siam	暹羅	椰子	each	14	12	6
Walnuts	胡桃	子	lb.	16	—	15
Grapes	葡萄	子	"	—	55	—

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes	菊 苣	each	9	—	8
Beans, Sprout	豆 芽	lb.	6	—	7
" Long	" 長	"	14	8	—
Beet Root	紅 菜	each	8	8	8
Bitter Squash	苦 瓜	"	12	—	—
Brijnals, Green	青 瓜	"	6	5	9
" Red	紅 瓜	"	9	8	8
Cabbage, Chinese	大 菜	"	5	5	12
" (Shanghai)	滬 菜	"	14	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch	蔗 苗	"	5	—	9
Cauliflower (Large)	大 花 椰 菜	each	30	—	—
" (Medium)	中 花 椰 菜	"	22	—	—
" (Small)	小 花 椰 菜	"	15	—	—
Carrots	金 絲 菜	lb.	8	8	6
Calory, Chinese	金 絲 菜	"	14	10	6
Chilies, Dried	乾 辣 椒	"	25	25	5
" Red	紅 辣 椒	"	20	8	12
" Green	青 辣 椒	"	10	10	10
Curry Stuff, English	英 國 咖 喱 料	each	5	2	—
Cucumbers	黃 瓜	lb.	7	8	—
Garlic	蒜 子	"	8	7	—
Ginger, Young	嫩 薑	"	6	10	—
" Old	老 薑	"	8	—	—
Horseradish, Shanghai	上海 辣 根 (辣)	each	80	8	4
Indian Corn	粟 米	lb.	7	1	—
Lettuce	生 菜	"	10	6	8
Water Chestnuts	荸 薺	"	15	—	8
" Mandarin	桂 蘭	"	—	—	8
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮 蘑 菇	"	—	—	3
Okraos	茄 子	"	1	10	—
Onions, Bombay	印 度 蔥	"	8	8	—
" Green	青 蔥	"	5	4	8
" Shanghai	上海 蔥	"	8	6	—
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" American	美 國 甘 薯	"	6	10	—
Pumpkin	金 瓜	"	5	3	4
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Radish, Fresh	鮮 紅 蘿 蔔	"	5	—	10
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PULPIT HUMOUR.

VICAR AND HIS VIEW OF LIFE.

HIS CHOSEN EPIGRAPH.

Here lies a jolly old silly ass,
Sincere and earnest, although
his "gas" was "laughing" in speech or
writing column.
Always serious, but never
solemn.

Such is the epitaph which he would like on his tombstone, says the Rev. A. Wellesley Orr, Vicar of St. Paul's, Kingston Hill, writing in his "Parish Magazine."

A "Sunday Times" representative asked Mr. Orr about his work in the parish of St. Paul's, and discovered that this vicar is a lugger with a purpose.

Choking and outright laughter are not exceptional in St. Paul's when the vicar preaches, but as a shopkeeper remarked to the "Sunday Times," he manages to tell us a lot of home-truths more forcibly than he could if he did not make us laugh. We laugh at ourselves as well as with him. He is the biggest enemy of humbug, and pomposity round here.

"I think laughter helps to keep a nation sane," was Mr. Orr's verdict. "It helps us to maintain a sense of proportion, and it is the best antidote to Red hot air. Extremists are people without a sense of humour."

WHAT THE VICAR THOUGHT.

"I think we are tending in our modern civilisation to crush out laughter," Mr. Orr continued, "though, in a rather paradoxical way the war did teach people to laugh, especially at things which had been taken more seriously than their importance warranted. The men in the trenches certainly saw many things ridiculous which they had previously regarded with solemnity, like class distinctions."

"But you introduce jokes into sermons?"

"Why not? Of course, I vary my sermons, and I have a serious purpose, but I generally like to get people at the beginning with a joke. I do not mind telling quite secular stories. I have started a sermon with a real after-dinner story."

"And, of course," Mr. Orr mused a moment—"preaching extempore, you can see if you are sending people off to sleep by being too heavy. If you have doubts, you can wake them up with a good joke. If they show no sign of response, you know they have gone right off to sleep."

"But was Christ humorous?"

"Oh, certainly. Many modern studies of His life have brought that out, especially a recent one by an American, 'A Man Nobody Knows.' I have had that conception of Christ as the man of joy for years past. My wife always concluded it was wrong to think of Him as the Man of Sorrows so much, because children were so fond of Him, and she never knew children to be very fond of a terribly gloomy person."

HUMOUR—AND MISERY.

"What of humour when talking to people who are really miserable, Mr. Orr?"

"Ah, of course, one would not risk laughing un sympathetically. But I think it is a fact that those who have most trouble are the most courageous laughers. Who more gloomy, or with more cause for gloom, than the man who feels he has gained all he wanted? His laughter is likely to become cynical as he contemplates the world of the things he so ardently desired and has obtained."

Asked as to the Archbishop of Canterbury's recent strictures on the clergy and the cause of small congregations, Mr. Orr said: "I think the Archbishop is wrong about church attendance. Judging from the whole area from Kingston and Norbiton to Surbiton, it is certainly untrue that the churches are empty. They are full. I do not think that any of us persons are duds, and we all use different methods."

"I think the mistake about church attendance is due to overlooking a change which has come about. The morning and evening congregation used to consist in the main of the same people. Nowadays we have two different congregations, and a far smaller proportion of people attend twice on the same day. I am sure that church-going is pretty nearly double what it was fifteen years ago, for this one reason."

ON PREACHING.

"With regard to preaching? Well, of course, a lot does depend on the preacher. But it is the personality of the person that matters most. The personality that runs through the conduct of the service, and his work outside the church, as well as in the preaching."

GUILTY OF THEFT.

COUNTESS SENT TO PRISON.

PLEA FOR HER BABY.

Described as the "smartest woman in Potsdam, married to the heir of a famous family, and well known in the most exclusive German society, the beautiful Countess von Bothmer has just been found guilty of theft, and sentenced to a year's imprisonment. The trial has absorbed Berlin's interest, emphasising as it has done the present straitened conditions of many of the old aristocrats.

When the anxiously awaited verdict was given a storm broke loose. The friends of the countess were dumb-founded; her enemies were pleased. A babel of argument broke out, oblivious of the fact that the court was still in session.

"MY CHILDREN."

The countess addressed the jury with the pathos of an expectant mother. She repeated that she was absolutely innocent, and implored the jurors to consider their consciences before returning a verdict.

"I do not plead for myself, but for my children."

"I am fighting for my two children and a third whom I expect in a few months. He must bear an honest name, this son of mine. But for him I would have taken my life a long time ago."

She listened to the verdict with perfect composure, but when the sentence was announced she uttered a piercing shriek and collapsed in the dock.

When she regained consciousness she shrugged her shoulders, saying, "I don't mind. Tomorrow I shall be no more of this world."

Two main charges were brought against the prisoner. The first was that she had robbed Friedrich Dommer—a close friend of her's with whom she was spending a holiday in Pomerania—of 500 marks. The other charge was of having stolen silver, carpets, and books from the house of a retired High Court Judge, Herr Reick.

When the judge heard that the countess was arrested he withdrew his complaint, knowing well that she was the thief.

BRIBED "THIEF."

During the trial a sensation was sprung on the court by a tramp, Otto Stanger, who came forward and declared he was the thief. It was, however, proved that he was in gaol at the time of the theft.

The court found that Stanger had been in the count's regiment, and was bribed by the countess to pass himself off as the thief.

In her endeavour to keep the police off her track the countess wrote letters to the judge in which she gave her opinion about the "burglary;" this was found to agree with the wording of a newspaper account. Cuttings from the newspaper from which she had obtained her inspiration were found in her desk.

Another trick was a letter from an alleged dying woman to a Catholic priest. The letter stated that the writer's son had committed the theft, and escaped abroad.

A young wife went into a grocer's shop and said: "I bought three or four hams here a month or so ago, and they were fine. Have you any more of them?"

"Yes, ma'am," replied the grocer, "there are 10 of those hams hanging up there now."

"Well if they're off the same pig, I'll take three of them," said the customer.

"No, I certainly would not tell another person to make jokes in church. A man will always fill his church if he is sincere and natural. We had a man down here who was a Rugger international. Because he filled his church, people ran away with the idea it is the big sportsman or athlete who can fill a church. But another man who never played a game in his life, and delivers serious sermons, also fills the church. Why? Because he, like the sportsman in question, was sincere. I make jokes because it is natural for me to play the giddy goat."

Leaving Mr. Orr's study, the interviewer glanced at a hanging series of photographs of the Vicar of St. Paul's in boxer's outfit, appearing "That's what I was in 'Tartan' among the miners," he explained.

"By a legend—a false legend—it was believed that I was a dangerous boxer, and they called me 'the Fighting Parson.' Whenever a truculent parishioner calls to see me, I leave him in this room alone for five minutes to give him time to examine his own photograph."

FASTING MAN.

TAUNTED BY PEOPLE EATING.

DASH FROM CAGE.

A young Dutchman named Wolly, who was fasting in a glass cage in Paris, had a nervous seizure at 1 o'clock in the morning as the result of hunger and kicked his cage to pieces. He had undertaken to fast for 28 days, but had only completed the 15th day.



JOAN KAUFMAN

Joan Kaufman, banker's daughter, is ready for the skit she will put on for charity.

A doctor was summoned and Wolly was rushed to a nursing home. He had sufficiently recovered in the afternoon to be able to take some nourishment.

The fast, which was organised by a Paris newspaper, had attracted large crowds of people, who paid a franc to see Wolly in his glass cage.

For some days before his breakdown he set stretched out in a long chair, with his eyes closed most of the time. It is said that several times he betrayed nervous excitement when night revellers stood before his cage and tantalised him by eating cakes and sandwiches.

During his incarceration Wolly smoked innumerable cigarettes.

THE TANGO.

DANCES LEARNT BY PICTURES.

ONLY TUITION FOR MANY.

Dance lessons from the pictures are training skilled dancers in the humbler suburbs of London.

In a barn-like, gas-lit, and undecorated dance hall, with only an ancient piano and a cheap violin to make music, two young men were dancing a Tango together with the lightness and grace of professionals.

Fleet of foot with rhythm and music in every movement they twisted and twirled; one moment Apache-like steps and then a dream-like floating across the room, followed by a mad whirling, all perfect in every step.

One of them named Billy said afterwards that he was a lead glazier. He loved to work on the coloured glass but not the plain.

VALENTINO'S LESSON.

"I saw Rudolf Valentino dance the Tango in his picture 'The Four Horsemen,'" he said, "and that instant I also wanted to dance it."

"I saw the picture again and again until I seemed to know every move of the limbs in the dance, and that is all the teaching most of us ever had."

"Why do I dance with a male partner? ... Well, you see, we practise together and being both fond of dancing I feel that no girl could be more suitable. Dancing is in my blood."

And dancing was in the blood of scores of the other youths and girls in the ugly hall.

Outside was a girl of 18 begging to be allowed in to have the last two dances. She could not raise even the modest threepence demanded by the pugilistic doorman.

When it was offered to her the maid was transported from abject misery to ecstasy and she "lived" every moment of the last two dances.

A boy at a party boasted that his father had presented him with a beautiful silver spoon bearing the inscription on the handle—"For a good boy."

"That's nothing," retorted another, wishing to prove that his own family could do better. "My father went out to dinner last night, and he brought me home a silver fork with 'Wellington Hotel' on the back. So there!"

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MICHAEL ARLEN.

ENGAGED TO POLA NEGRI?

FILM-LAND RUMOUR.

Gossip in film circles has already linked the names of Mr. Michael Arlen, author of "The Green Hat," and Miss Pola Negri, the Polish cinema star.

Mr. Arlen came to Hollywood at the invitation of a film com-



Peggy Udel, actress of Los Angeles, using a studio manager, charges that, after a mix-up with him, she suffered to such extent that \$500,000 should be paid to her as recompense.

pany to write scenarios, and his first screen effort will be a scenario for Miss Negri's next picture.

Neither he nor Miss Negri are offended by the whisperings of a possible engagement, though neither has said anything definite on the matter.

"I am looking for a wife in America—but she must not be an American," Mr. Arlen is reported to have said, "American women are too temperamental!"

"Michael Arlen is one of the grandest and finest young men in Hollywood," the Polish actress is declared to have stated after she had known the young author for several days, adding, "I shall never marry an American."—British United Press.

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JAPAN PORTS.

Jan. 7.—B.L. Hymettus.
 8.—O.P. Empress of Asia.
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 12.—N.Y.K. Cayos Maru.
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Watching, waiting and praying for her men who may never return is Mrs. Patricia Coleman. Her husband, a policeman, was wounded seriously when two suspected men shot him four times.

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FAT IN FIRE.**QUARREL FOR AUSTRIAN THRONE.****RIVAL PRETENDERS' CLAIMS.**

The fat is in the fire between the contending Habsburg pretenders and their followers. Archduke Otto, son of the late Emperor, is the legitimate pretender. His chief rival is Archduke Albert, behind whom are the great wealth of his father, Frederick, and the intelligence of his mother, Isabella. Archduke Otto's friends in Vienna and Budapest now claim that Albert has bought the support of Signor Mussolini and the Bavarian Monarchists by promising to renounce Austria, and aspire only to the Hungarian Crown. Signor Mussolini, they say, objects to the re-establishment of Austria-Hungary, and the Bavarian Monarchists want Austria to join Bavaria. The extreme right wing supports Archduke Albert in Hungary. The veteran statesman, Count Andrássy, recently protested against such adventures. The reason for these rumours is said to be the existence of renewed doubts whether Austria will be able to continue its existence owing to the apparently hopeless economic situation, in spite of improvement in the State finances and currency. Jugo-Slav newspapers demand for Jugo-Slavia that part of the Austrian province of Carinthia which in 1920, by plebiscite, decided for Austria. Meetings are being held across the frontier, supporting this demand, on the assumption that Austria is doomed. The Italian Fascist also recently demanded that Italy should take the Northern Tyrol, and Mussolini's outburst in the Italian Chamber is considered partly by a threat against Austria because of the Austrian Parliament's protest against the suppression of the German language in the schools and newspapers in South Tyrol.

LIVERPOOL AND GLASGOW.

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ROTTERDAM.

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"KEYBER"	8,114	23rd Jan.	Milnes, Camblano, L'ion & A'wmp
"LAHORE"	8,462	24th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Bombay
"ALPHE"	8,473	1st Feb.	Singapore and Bombay
"DELTA"	8,007	4th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & B'way
"MALWA"	10,941	8th Feb.	Marseilles and London
"KARNATA"	8,089	10th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MANTUA"	10,908	12th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	8,983	15th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KEIVA"	8,135	18th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MORSA"	10,918	21st Apr.	Marseilles and London
"DEVANHA"	8,155	17th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	8,141	21st Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MACEDONIA"	11,088	1st May	Marseilles and London
"KASHGAR"	8,008	15th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp

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SHIP	Tons	DATE	DESTINATION
"TALMA"	10,000	7th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TAKADA"	8,940	10th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"SANTHA"	8,500	14th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TILAWA"	10,008	18th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TALAMBA"	8,018	21st Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

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SHIP	Tons	DATE	DESTINATION
"ARAFURA"	8,000	8th Jan.	Manila, Iloilo, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	3rd Feb.	do.
"TANDA"	8,958	3rd Feb.	do.
"ARAFURA"	8,000	7th Apr.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	10th Apr.	do.
"TANDA"	8,958	2nd June	do.

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SHIP	Tons	DATE	DESTINATION
"HYMETTUS"	4,804	7th Jan.	Yokohama, Kobe and Shanghai
"JEEFA"	8,097	8th Jan.	Shanghai and Kobe
"MALWA"	10,941	8th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	8th Jan.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"SANTHA"	8,500	12th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"TILAWA"	10,008	15th Jan.	Kobe and Osaka
"TALAMBA"	8,018	1st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MANTUA"	10,908	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHMIR"	8,983	8th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KEIVA"	8,135	11th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MORSA"	10,918	14th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"ARAFURA"	8,000	18th Mar.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
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"KEYBER"	8,114	16th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"TANDA"	8,958	19th May	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"MALWA"	10,941	22nd May	Shanghai
"MANTUA"	10,908	25th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KARNATA"	8,089	28th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"ARAFURA"	8,000	11th June	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama

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FROM	SHIP	DATE
FROM NORTH CHINA		
Jan. 14-J.O.J.L.	Tilmasok	
27-J.O.J.L.	Tilmasok	
FROM KENNEL		
Jan. 10-J.O.J.L.	Tilmasok	
FROM SHANGHAI		
Jan. 7-A.O.L.	Pres. Grant	
8-B.F.	Perseus	
9-N.Y.E.	Hakodate Maru	
10-N.Y.E.	Wakasa Maru	
11-N.Y.E.	Hakone Maru	
FROM SINGAPORE		
Jan. 6-B.F.	Bumabus	
7-B.F.	Perseus	
8-P. & O.	Delta	
15-B.F.	Phonias	
16-B.F.	Master	
17-B.F.	Automedon	
Feb. 2-B.F.	Hector	
5-B.F.	Halosna	
15-B.F.	Talchylus	
19-B.F.	Calchas	
23-B.F.	Jacon	
Mar. 2-B.F.	Maebona	
FROM MEGAFATAM		
Jan. 5-N.Y.E.	Totomahine Maru	
FROM CALCUTTA		
Jan. 10-B.I.	Talma	
21-B.I.	Talad	
FROM BOMBAY		
Jan. 7-P. & O.	Delta	
Feb. 5-P. & O.	Delta	
FROM JAPAN		
Jan. 10-J.O.J.L.	Tilmasok	
18-J.O.J.L.	Tilmasok	
FROM JAPAN		
Jan. 7-A.O.L.	Pres. Grant	
8-B.F.	Perseus	
9-N.Y.E.	Hakodate Maru	
10-N.Y.E.	Wakasa Maru	
11-N.Y.E.	Hakone Maru	
FROM MANILA		
Jan. 5-C.P.S.	Empress of Russia	
6-M.H.	Amboles	
7-N.Y.E.	St. Albans	
19-N.Y.E.	St. Albans	
21-N.Y.E.	Amboles	
22-N.Y.E.	Amboles	
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29-N.Y.E.	Amboles	
30-N.Y.E.	Amboles	
FROM NEW YORK		
Jan. 18-N.Y.E.	Empress of Russia	
19-N.Y.E.	Amboles	
20-N.Y.E.	Amboles	
21-N.Y.E.	Amboles	
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27-N.Y.E. Kaki Maru

28-N.Y.E. Kaki Maru

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FROM HAMBURG

Jan. 7-N.L. Anhalt

30-N.L. Anhalt

Feb. 27-N.L. Derfflinger

Mar. 27-N.L. Derfflinger

Apr. 24-N.L. Derfflinger

May 22-N.L. Derfflinger

June 19-N.L. Derfflinger

July 17-N.L. Derfflinger

FROM COPENHAGEN

Jan. 10-E. A. Kina

Feb. 3-E. A. Kina

10-E. A. Kina

16-E. A. Kina

23-E. A. Kina

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THE PUBLIC AND FIRES.

Yesterday we drew attention to the serious under-staffing of the Fire Brigade as being in the opinion of the general public one of the gravest aspects of the hotel fire. To-day we proposed to deal with the question of water pressure from the same important standpoint. The inadequate water pressure appears to the general public to have been as grave a scandal as any of the matters that have provoked the growing volume of criticism, for in the opinion of the layman observer at least twice before the flames got out of control they could have been quenched had the water pressure been equal to the urgent demand. The first time was when the forces inside the building, under the direction of the hotel staff, attempted to kill the blaze with the appliances at hand. The second time was when the Fire Brigade, prompt to summons, had arrived in Pedder Street. Photographs will confirm the statement that the first jet to be directed from the roadway could reach no higher than the third floor where the water did no more than drench the flower pots on the verandah ledge. Doubtless the wetting of the wall was a circumstance that was appreciated later when the urgent question was one of cooling the heated fabric to prevent it cracking and collapsing, but at the time, so far from being a cause for congratulation, it was a reason for bitter despair. For had the water pressure been equal to sending that first jet—and the others that were later brought into play—over the top of the building into the main lift shaft, whence the fire had not yet spread to any extent, it seems to the layman that the trouble would have been nipped in the bud almost as soon as it had begun. Instead of that happening—what actually did take place? The flames, with nothing to stop them owing to the lack of water pressure, speedily got out of control. No longer was their fire more or less isolated—it began to sweep towards Des Vaux Road Central, with results that are still too vivid in the memory to require repeating here. The "China Mail" has already paid tribute to those whose combined

efforts eventually subdued the flames and saved the further loss of thousands of dollars of property in the hotel itself and in the adjoining buildings. Therefore it is no reflection upon these gallant workers to emphasize as we are doing to-day the fact that in many opinions the fire could have been extinguished before it had done any appreciable damage. The will was there but not the means. Nor could any amount of work or daring provide the means. The hotel blaze in the opinion of many, who saw it was a huge pyre to the system that permits the very heart of the city to have a water pressure which an indignant public is saying would be a disgrace to a place a tenth the size of Hongkong. The intensity of popular feeling on this point alone must surely lead to the closest inquiry and the most drastic reform. Let our officials bear that in mind when they seek, as we suppose they will after Friday's rude shock to local complacency, to draw the lessons from the blaze. The inadequate water pressure and the under-staffing of the Fire Brigade represent in the minds of hundreds of people scandals which the public are prepared to tolerate no longer. The sooner the strength of this feeling is realized in higher quarters the sooner will popular feeling subside—and, if the public is right, the sooner will the city be given a reasonable measure of security against fires not less costly and possibly much more tragic than last Friday's blaze.

"SAFETY FIRST"

A protective association has been formed in Paris in the interests of pedestrians who view the automobile as a street danger not lightly to be ignored. For a nominal fee, members of the association, amongst other things, are guaranteed the services of a physician and a lawyer! There is a slight suspicion of the humorous about this part of the idea, but to transpire a Gallicism, the French evidently do not take their risks sadly, and believe in the American slogan of "Safety First." Whilst life itself is a speculation, it is safe to say that modern conditions of living have added to this speculation. Our pleasures, as well as our business, have become more serious affairs and the risks attendant on them are immeasurably greater. In the ordinary pursuit of life, it is for the individual to safeguard himself as much as possible. But into the places in which he goes and the conveyances he has to use, it is for those in charge of them to take every precaution, and to reduce risks to the minimum. Traffic regulations, as a simple illustration, are devised to this end. It requires an accident, an outbreak or some striking calamity to emphasize the need of precaution, and to unloose the tongue of reproach to the end of pointing out alleged deficiencies and the like. We are all very wise after an event. The habit of locking the stable door after the horse has bolted is as old as the hills. It will continue to be a pastime whilst human nature is what it is. Meanwhile the question needs to be asked if the matter of public safety has received the attention it merits in a place like Hongkong. "Skyrappers" are not now an uncommon sight. Each has its lift or series of lifts. Invariably a notice tells us the carrying capacity of them and even if the operator does not observe the notice—the lift does—by refusing to budge. If—as

seems possible, it is possible for a fire to commence in these structures, should it not be made a fixed rule that each lift carries at least two fire extinguishers? The lower level trams intimate that standing is not allowed on the upper deck. The rule—if such it is, and even if it is enforceable by law—is often honoured in the breach. The rule should be strictly observed—in the interest of all concerned, particularly the travelling public. Overcrowding of the ferries—we do not mention any in particular—should be severely frowned upon. So far as it is known, we believe it is. Risks in the streets are covered by traffic regulations and need not occupy our attention here. Public resorts are generally provided with exits that should meet a case of panic. Even the old Theatre Royal seems modern in this respect, whilst those who have tripped over the hose-pipe ready for emergency, will bear testimony to foresight in case of fire. Of landslides, a word again is needed. The Government's admitted procedure is to send round a man to inspect places after either a typhoon or an extraordinary downpour. It seems a little ludicrous although the matter is, admittedly, a difficult one. Speaking generally, the Government should be aware of the weak places on hill sides and where road construction is in progress. If it would be unwise to anticipate or suggest jury riders—but a reasonable one would be that the time has arrived for the formation of a Council of Public Safety, to consider the safety of the inhabitant from every possible angle, and to make recommendations thereon.

Mob Psychology.

No more succinct summary of the Shanghai shooting affair of May 30, has been published than that contained in the course of the lengthy findings of Sir Henry Gollan, Chief Justice of Hongkong. Referring to the scene at the Louza Police Station, His Lordship recalls that the small crowd retreating at the instance of the Police was stopped by a much larger crowd with elements of unruly character in it; a student coming from the direction of the Station waved to the amalgamated crowd to return; the movement to the east was arrested; certain persons developed a high state of excitement, which communicated itself to the rest of the crowd; the crowd turned on the Police, and finally was worked up to attack the policemen who guarded the approach to the station. That summary is worth more than the reams of "explanations" that have been written on the incident in the long interval that has since elapsed. It gives an excellent example of Chinese mob psychology. It ruthlessly discards even a suggestion of blame on the part of the small force of policemen defending the station. It completely exonerates the action of the Inspector who gave the order to fire on the inflamed mob, whose passions had risen to fever heat. But for the firing, the small band of police, including the Inspector, would have been annihilated and the station destroyed in the same manner as in December, 1905. The guilt of the Chinese mob has been clearly established—they ran amok, and they must shoulder the blame. That is all that can be said about it—but that is eloquent indeed of the innocence of those who have been shamelessly denounced by the Chinese as assassins and murderers.

NEW DIRECTORS.

CHINESE GENTLEMEN
HONOURED.

THE TUNG WAH HOSPITAL.

Mr. Kwok Chuen (Philip Cock Chin) of the Wing On Co. has been elected a director of the Tung Wah Hospital for the next (Chinese) year. Other new directors are Messrs:—
Tam Woon-tong.
Leung Lan-po (yarn merchant).
Ng Kin-cho (banker).
Chu Pak-tung.
Chan Chung-sum (exporter).
Ho Chi-sang (silk merchant).
Lui Yum-suen (insurance manager), who was one of the two leaders of the "fraternity" tour to Canton.
Wong Kwai-ching.
Chan Yik-ki (Nam Pak Hong).
Li Sheung-ming (pawnbroker).
Yu Tse-wing (compradore, Messrs. Dodwell & Co.).
Chan Kwai-lok (Bank of Canton, compradore department).
Ng Yu-chun (rice merchant).
[Note: The Tung Wah Hospital is the leading Chinese philanthropic institution of the Colony.]
The rainfall during December amounted to 25.12 in. Rain fell in July three days—the 9th, 11th, and 20th.

STEEL TRUST.

AMERICAN BANKING
FIRM'S SCHEME.

FINANCING GERMAN WORKS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, January 4.

In connection with the report from New York that the banking firm of Dillon, Read & Company are planning the formation of a German-American Steel Trust, it is pointed out that there can be no question at present of forming such a Trust because no German Steel Trust at present exists.

It is believed that Dillon, Read & Company, who themselves own steel works in America, are prepared to finance German steel works with big loans, so that the lack of capital will no longer hinder the formation of a Trust composed of all the principal German steel works, except Krupp's, who are averse to joining it.

Should this Trust come into being it is, expected that it will enter into close business relations with Dillon, Read & Co.'s Steel Works without necessarily forming a German-American Trust.

The amount which Dillon, Read & Co. proposes to place at the disposal of the German Trust, when formed, is not disclosed, but it is understood that the German steel magnates have been trying for some time to negotiate a loan in the United States for \$25,000,000, or \$30,000,000.

THE BIG THINK.

New York, January 4.

Dillon Read & Co. confirm that approximately fifty million dollars are involved in financing the German steel combination, consisting of the Big Three, namely—Deutsche, Luxembourg, Gelsenkirchen, and Bochum Verein.

DISARMAMENT.

U.S. PRESIDENT ASKS FOR
APPROPRIATION.

POLICY INDICATED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, Jan. 4.

President Coolidge has asked Congress to appropriate \$50,000 for the expenses of the American representation to the preliminary disarmament discussions at Geneva. He declares that representation will not involve the attitude of the Government or any commitment to attend a similar future conference.

SAMOA HURRICANE.

GREAT TREES SLIDE INTO
VILLAGES.

MANY LANDSLIDES.

(Reuter's Service.)

Pagapago (Samoa), Jan. 4.

Hurricane did widespread damage to American Samoa last week, but so far no casualties have been reported. Houses were uprooted and great trees were rooted up from the mountains and slid down into the villages in the valleys. Many landslides blocked the roads.

BOXER INDEMNITY.

BRITISH MISSION LEAVING
AT ONCE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, January 4.

The Boxer Indemnity Mission expects to begin its labours early in March.

Lord Willington departs on January 15 via Vancouver and Japan, and expects to be away at least nine months.

SONG WRITER.

MARRIES MILLIONAIRE'S
DAUGHTER.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Jan. 4.

In spite of persistent opposition from her father, Clarence Mackay, a multi-millionaire, and president of the Postal and Telegraph Cable Company, Ellen Mackay, aged twenty-two years, married a song writer, Irving Berlin. Ellen had previously obtained a dispensation from the Pope permitting her marriage to Berlin, who is a Jew.

RUBBER CONTROL.

TIMELY STATEMENT ALLAYS
FEELING.

EXCITEMENT ARTIFICIAL.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, January 4.

In regard to the statement published by Sir Robert Thorne in London giving an exposition of the rubber control question the "New York Times" considers that it is most timely and is calculated to allay any vestiges of the temporary ill-feeling in both countries.

The paper says that the excitement which temporarily raged over the high price was from the first artificial and quite unnecessary. Mr. Hoover hastened to do his best to correct the unfortunate effects of his first utterances.

The early exaggerations were hollow, and could not bear the weight of trade statistics. It would seem that even Congress was ready to consider the question on the basis of truth and reason.

ROUMANIA'S HEIR.

CAROL'S RENUNCIATION
RATIFIED.

PRINCE MICHAEL RECOGNISED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Bucharest, Jan. 4.

The National Assembly by 234 votes to 8 ratified Prince Carol's renunciation and succession rights and recognised Prince Michael as heir to the Throne.

A provisional Regency Bill was passed, creating a council composed of Prince Nicholas, the Orthodox Patriarch, and the First President of the Court of Cassation.

Prince Carol has also waived his parental authority over Prince Michael.

SHIPPING MISHAP.

"BALTIMORE MARU" AT
PORT SUDAN.

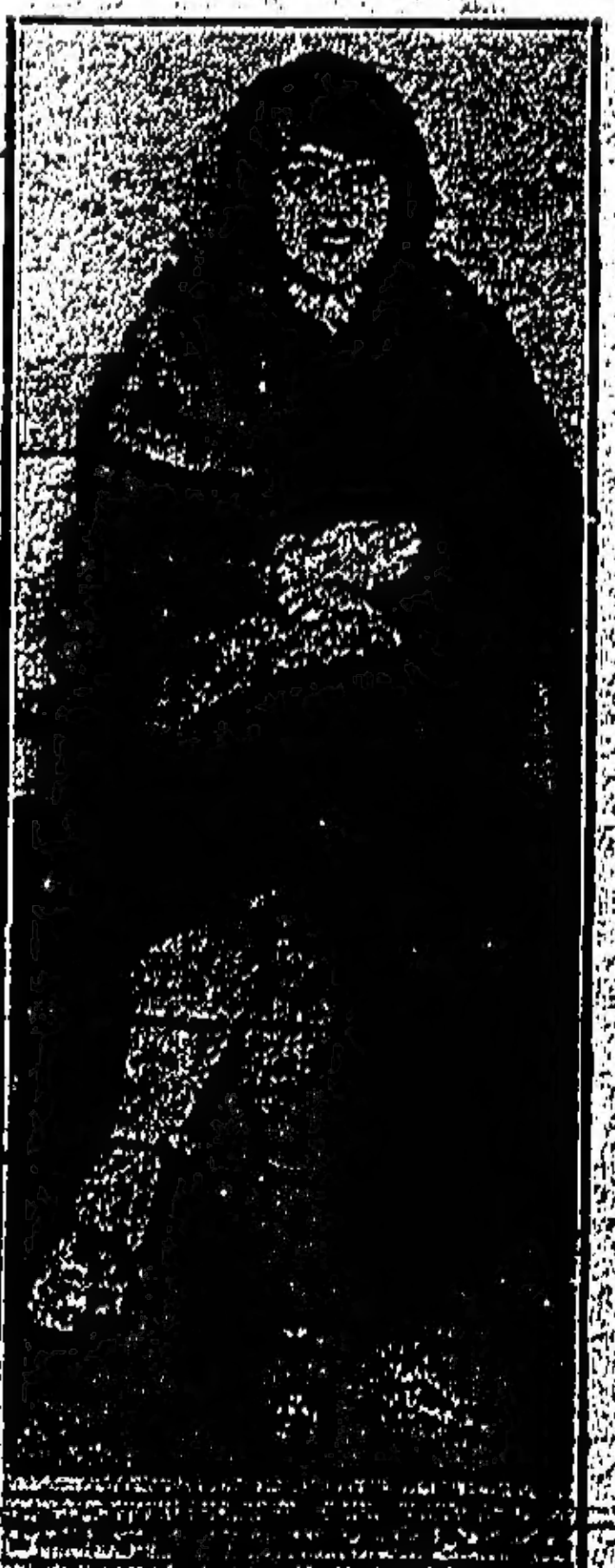
(Reuter's Service.)

Port Sudan, Jan. 4.

The steamer "Baltimore Maru" has arrived here in tow.

[A London cable of December 30 reported:—A message from Perin reports that the Japanese steamer "Baltimore Maru" has broken her tail shaft. Her position at noon yesterday was 17.12 North, 40.40 East, and she was drifting northward.]

A Government commission, seeking to find the best means of preserving the Irish language, has found that 75 per cent. of the girls and boys born in Irish-speaking districts look upon the United States as their future home. Even in the Dingle peninsula in Kerry, which is the principal home of native speech in Munster, it was learned that of the children in one parish, who left school between 1912 and 1922, more than half emigrated and many of those left are only waiting their turn under the quota, or financial assistance from friends in America.



Mrs. Harriet Gallo, cousin of Martin Durkin, Chicago gambler, is trying to arrange a trace of surrender for him. "Shoot as right" is the order issued to the police seeking him.

"QUEER PEOPLE?"SIR BASIL THOMSON IN
DOCK.

POLICEMAN'S ALLEGATIONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, January 4.

A huge crowd besieged Marlborough Police Court on the appearance of Sir Basil Thomson to answer two summonses—one accusing him of indecency with a woman in Hyde Park and the other requiring him to show cause why his recognisances of £5 should not be forfeited for non-appearance in Court on the day named in the original summonses.

Temptation?

A policeman gave evidence that after the arrest accused told him that he was Sir Basil Thomson and if his friends knew about this he would be ruined. Subsequently, the policeman alleged, accused said that if witness overlooked the matter he could leave the police to-morrow. The policeman replied that accused should not tempt him, adding: "You know how impossible it is for me to let you go. The police is my sole means of existence."

Recognised At Station.

Counsel for the prosecution said that accused at the Police Station, where an Inspector recognised him, asked that his name be entered as Hugh Thomson. He was released on bail of £5 but failed to appear in Court. Subsequently he wrote explaining that he went to Bow Street by mistake. Accused appeared at Marlborough Street on December 16 for service of a summons on a woman who was a young pantomime artiste, who was arrested and fined on December 22.

The case was adjourned.

A Varied Career.

Sir Basil Thomson is the third son of the late Archbishop Thomson, of York, and was born in 1861. Educated at Eton and New College, Oxford, he entered the Colonial Civil Service and went to Fiji and thence to Tonga.



Sir Basil Thomson.

During his term of office trouble arose in the Tongan group, and Sir Basil then met 30 years of age found the mantle of Prime Minister cast upon his shoulders.

Some of the exploits of his predecessor in the Premiership, the famous Shirley Baker, he recounted in an interesting book, "The Diversions of a Prime Minister." He was transferred to British New Guinea, where he was awarded the silver medal of the Royal Humane Society for saving life at sea.

In 1893 Sir Basil was given charge of the King of Siam when he was being educated in this country.

In 1896 he was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple, and in the same year began his long connection with crime and criminals by entering the prison service as deputy governor of Liverpool Prison. He held a similar post at Dartmoor, and was subsequently governor successively of Northampton, Cardiff, Dartmoor, and Wormwood Scrubs prisons till 1908, when he became inspector of prisons and secretary to the Prison Commissioners.

In 1900, while at Northampton, he was again sent out to the Pacific by the Colonial Office as Special Commissioner to negotiate treaties with two of the native Governments.

In 1913 Sir Basil was appointed in succession to Sir Melville Macnaghten, Assistant Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, and in 1910 Director of the special branch. He retired in 1919. Among his literary works perhaps the most fascinating is his "Story of Dartmoor Prison," and he is also the author of "South Sea Yarns," "A Court Intrigue," "The Indiscretions of Lady Asenath," "Discovery of the Solomon Islands," "Savage Island," "The Fijians," "The

GREAT FLOODS.UNPRECEDENTED SCENES
IN FRANCE.

FATAL COLLAPSE OF A HOUSE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, Jan. 4.

The likelihood of continued rain is causing the utmost anxiety. Already the Oise has bent all records, including the floods of 1910 and 1920, having risen twenty feet. The triangle between Creil, Beauvais, and Noyon is a vast sheet of water.

Trains on the main line to Belgium are obliged to slow down for many miles, whilst sometimes the floors of the carriages are swamped.

The villages in the flooded areas are being hurriedly evacuated and household goods are being transported on rafts.

The flooding of the water works at Compeigne resulted in a limited supply of drinking water and rationing from barrels.

TRAIN ABANDONED.

The rise of the Aisne flooded many streets in Soissons. A train between Chien and Saintle was abandoned after the passengers were rescued.

A child was killed and three persons injured as the result of the collapse of a house at Caen, which caused enormous damage. Some of the estimates amount to twenty million francs.

TORRENTS IN STREETS.

The rise of the Meuse converted the streets in Mezieres into rushing torrents.

It is feared that 20,000 workers in the Meuse Valley will be idle for three weeks in consequence of the flooding of the factories.

DAMAGE IN HOLLAND.

Amsterdam, Jan. 4.

The water has fallen a yard below yesterday's highest level at Maestricht, so the trains, to bridge and the northern parts of Holland are running, but not for public traffic.

Their Majesties this morning viewed the damage at Maestricht, where many of the homeless people are sheltered in the military barracks at Sbertogenbosch.

In view of the extent of the disaster it is remarkable that so far there have been no fatalities, although two women went insane as a result of their anxiety and distress.

POSITION IN BELGIUM.

Brussels, Jan. 4.

Their Majesties to-day paid a very lengthy visit to the inundated regions around Namur and Dinant.

The situation in the Liege, Namur, and Brussels districts has greatly improved, but the position in the low-lying districts, notably in the Waes area, has become worse.

A ROYAL DONATION.

Their Majesties have subscribed two million francs to the national fund for the victims of the floods, comprising the money presented to them on the occasion of their silver wedding last year, besides a personal gift of 100,000 francs.

EARLIER NEWS.

Amsterdam, Jan. 4.

Rain is still falling and the flood-waters are rising. The River Waal, near Wymegen, is at the highest for very many years. Many houses in the Polder neighbourhood of Amsterdam are submerged.

The viaduct and railway station at Beugen, north-east of Brabant, collapsed under pressure of the rising water.

Between Flushing and Gogh a train was derailed owing to the sinking of a dyke.

ITALY MOURNING.DEATH OF THE QUEEN
MOTHER.

(Reuter's Service.)

Rome, Jan. 3.

Queen-Mother Margherita has passed away.

[A Rome message of December 18, which did not reach Hongkong, stated:—Queen-Mother Margherita, whose condition at Bordighera, owing to congestion of the lungs, has given rise to anxiety, passed a quiet night, though the local symptoms are unchanged and the royal patient's temperature is high.]

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The B.L. s.s. "Benavon" from Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London and Straits left Singapore for this port on Jan. 3, and is due to arrive here on Jan. 10.

The B.L. s.s. "Hymettus" left Singapore for this port yesterday at p.m. and is due here on Jan. 14 at a.m.

Skene Papers" and "Queer People," as well as of the Penal Code of Tonga and contributions to "The Hibiscus" and "The Fijians," "The

TO SAVE GREECE.DEPENDENCE ON ARMED
FORCE.

DICTATORSHIP ESTABLISHED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Athens, Jan. 4.

The Commander of each barracks announced that a Dictatorship had been proclaimed and all must contribute to the task undertaken by the Army for the nation's good. The statement concluded: "On your bayonets only does the establishment of the Dictatorship depend."

FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

Athens, Jan. 4.

General Pangalos made his announcement at a banquet given by Officers of the Republic Guard.



The New Dictator.

It evoked demonstrations of enthusiasm, which were renewed by the Guard during a parade of the streets in the evening.

General Pangalos said that he was preparing a programme based solely on armed forces.

WHO IS PANGALOS?

General Pangalos has been Premier since June, when he organised a coup d'etat in the Army and compelled the resignation of the Michalakopoulos Government. He was largely instrumental in the events leading to the deposition of King George II, in 1923, and the establishment of a Republic. He presided at the court-martial in 1922, which ordered the execution of the former Premier, M. Gounaris, and three other ex-Ministers on the charge of responsibility for the overwhelming defeat of the Greeks by the Turks in Asia Minor.

There has been much speculation recently regarding the possibility of the return of King George II. to the throne.

TEA DANCES.CHINESE AMUSEMENT
PARK.

Lee Garden (formerly Jardine's Hill) at Causeway Bay has been the scene of successful tea dances during the holidays, a large number of Europeans availing themselves of the opportunity to enjoy the floor and, at the same time, enjoy the many sights.

A feature of this park is the minute care with which "sets" copied on exact lines, have been reproduced of romantic places in Chinese history and mythology.

Facing the dance hall is a life-size set of figures representing a faithful minister who spent a long captivity among the wilds of Mongolia with a devoted wife, child and some sheep. The "Goddess of Mercy" stands close by and there are many freak erections to be examined.

The next tea dance will be held to-morrow afternoon.

THE HOTEL FIRE.THE FULL STORY WITH
PICTURES.

The full story of the hotel fire with pictures will appear in "The Overland China Mail," the weekly edition of the "China Mail," which will be on sale on Friday.

As there is sure to be a heavy demand for copies it is advisable that orders should be sent to the publishers, No. 8 Wyndham Street, without delay.

I want to make it clear that the N.D.L. does not stand for "Naked and Dirty," as Mr. Cramp

SHANGHAI ENQUIRY.SIR H. C. GOLLAN'S
FINDINGS.

POLICE JUSTIFICATION.

In the course of his conclusions on the Shanghai affair of May 30 into which he enquired as Britain's judicial representative, Sir Henry Cowper Gollan, Chief Justice of Hongkong, remarks as follows:—

After full and careful consideration of all the evidence adduced by the witnesses, of their demeanour, and of the inherent probabilities of the respective stories told by them, I am clearly of opinion that the evidence given by the police witnesses, and supported by the large body of independent testimony, is substantially correct, and that Inspector Everson was justified in coming to the conclusion that, if the crowd had not been fired upon, the lives of the police under his command would have been sacrificed, and the crowd would have gained possession of the Louza Police Station; with results that might have been most serious in view of the quantities of arms and ammunition stored there.

And it is also to be remembered that a mob had in December 1905 seized and destroyed the Louza Police Station, in the face of strenuous opposition offered by a body of unarmed police.

Mob Psychology.

A matter that struck me was the rapid change that, according to the evidence, took place in the state of mind of the crowd, within a period of about 15 minutes, and without the commission of any acts by the police tending to irritate the crowd. At one time, the group of students who had been ejected from the charge room, and the others who had joined them, were being induced to move back by a small body of police. The leading idea in the mind of this crowd would then seem to have been to obtain the release of the students who had been detained.

Then this smaller retreating crowd was stopped by a much larger crowd with elements of an unruly character in it, a student coming from the direction of the Louza Police Station waved to the amalgamated crowd to return in the direction of the Station, the movement to the east was arrested, certain persons developed a high state of excitement which communicated itself to the rest of the crowd, the crowd turned on the police, and finally was worked up to attack the policemen who guarded the approach to the Louza Police Station. The evidence of Major Hilton-Johnson throws light on this aspect of Chinese mob psychology. He particularly referred to first, the inflammability of the Chinese temperament and the rapidity with which, in the mass, they are capable of passing from a state of quiescence to a state of frenzy which soon gets beyond their control; second, the length to which a mob raised to that pitch of fury, will proceed and the excesses it will commit unless the mob spirit subsides or is quelled.

Sell your pianos and buy violins.—Sir Henry Wood.

It is the posture of the dammed to me to hear a child playing the piano.—Mr. Justice Eys.



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HONGKONG & CHINA GAS CO., LTD.**"TUNGCHOW" PIRACY.**PIRATE CHIEF AS HONG-
KONG BOY.

ENQUIRY EVIDENCE.

The second-in-command of the pirate gang which took possession of the "Tungchow" and carried off the boxes of silver dollars it was carrying, claimed to have been educated at Queen's College, Hongkong; this transpired in the course of the inquiry into the circumstances of the piracy.

Evidence of his conversation with this man was given by the Chief Officer who, questioned on the matter of general piracy prevention measures, said that if a ship carried ballast it would be best not to carry Chinese passengers.

Findings of the Court of Enquiry were:—

Having carefully reviewed the evidence and the circumstances above stated, the Court sees no ground for blaming the conduct of the ship's officers or crew. In the light of the experience which had been gained by this incident, it considers, however, that greater care should be exercised in future in the matter of Chinese passengers. If possible, some record should be kept of the Chinese passengers to whom tickets are sold, and they should be searched for arms before the ship leaves the port. In the case of ships carrying ballast or specie, it might be advisable, at all events as a temporary measure, either to take no Chinese passengers or else to carry an armed guard in addition to the crew.

"The Court is also of the opinion that the provision of wireless, which it understands is shortly to be installed on the China Navigation Company's ships running between Shanghai and Tientsin, will act as an additional deterrent to piracy contemplating a seizure of this nature."

"Finally it desires to record its conviction that the only satisfactory way of dealing with the pirate menace is to destroy the pirate bases on shore, without which attacks such as that on the s.s. "Tungchow" would be impossible."

ROOF ABLAZE.FOOTBALL STAND
DAMAGED.

YESTERDAY EVENING'S SCENE.

Residents at Happy Valley were treated to a spectacular sight at 6 o'clock yesterday evening when the roof of the spectators' stand on the Hongkong Football Club ground was destroyed by fire about one quarter of its length.

A fire engine arrived fifteen minutes later, and running down a hose from the new hydrant at Wong Nei Chong Road, subdued the flames and saved the remainder of the structure.

Curiously, the fire had its origin in the roof at one end, which obviously points to some lighted material having been thrown on to it.

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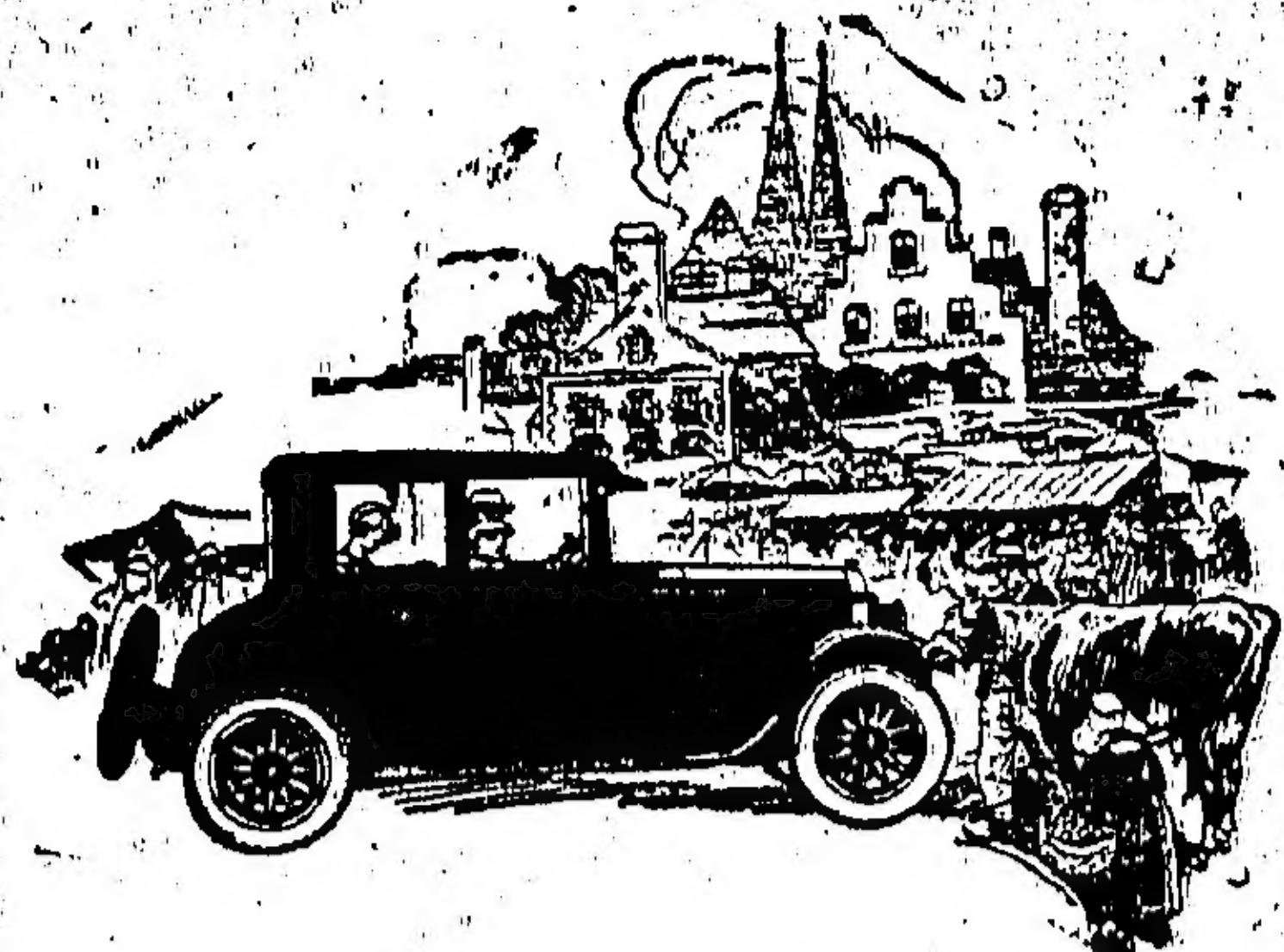
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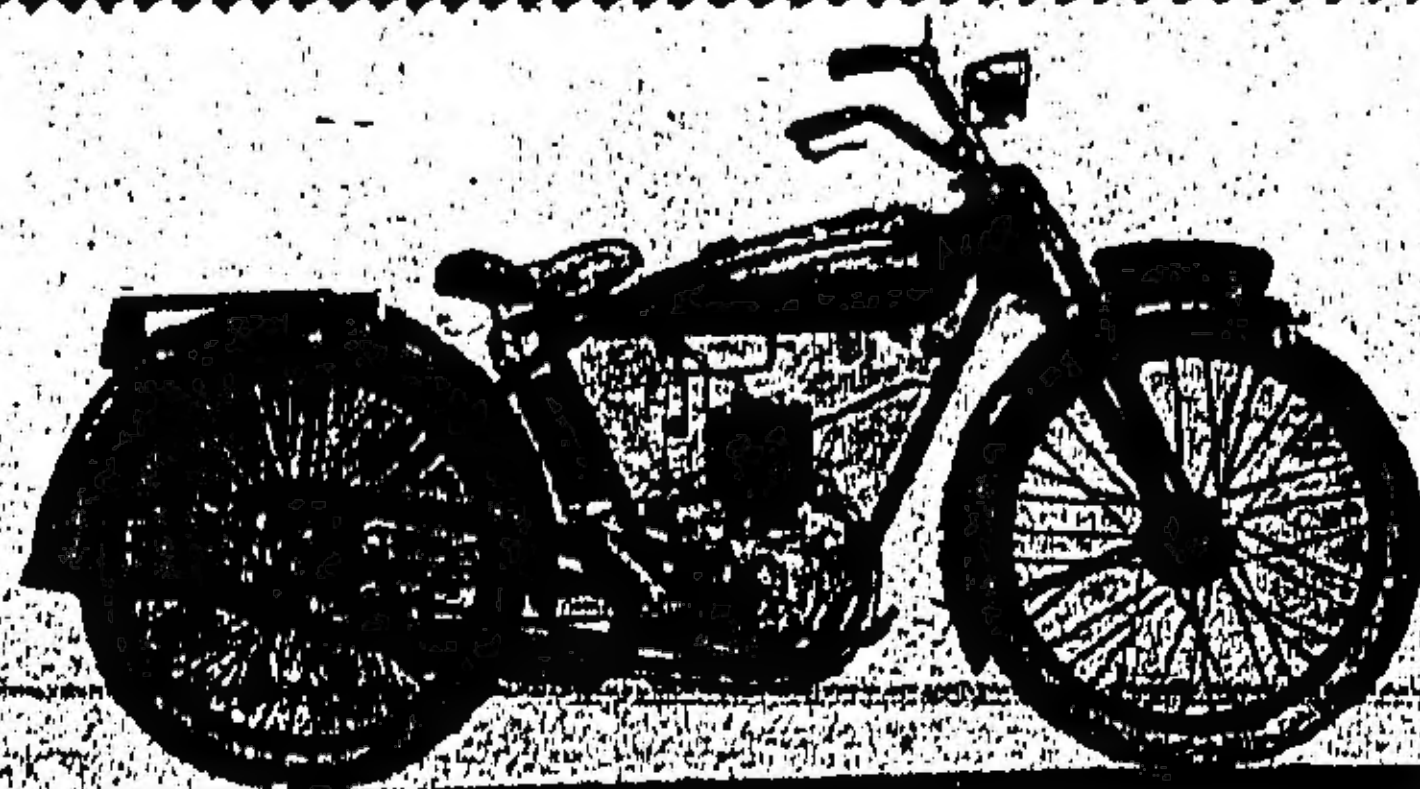
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The "F. & O. liner "Delta," which left Singapore on the 2nd inst., at 7 a.m., is due here at 6 a.m. on Friday.

The s.s. "Empress of Asia" will sail from Hongkong at day-light on Friday next, one day later than previously announced.

Property in Des Vœux Road Central, advertised to be sold at the China Auction Rooms yesterday afternoon, was withdrawn.

All new firms and all firms who have not already sent in their applications for insertion in the Dollar Directory for 1926, are requested to do so as soon possible.

The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., advertise European residences within easy reach of the city comprising six rooms, four bath rooms, up-to-date sanitation, electric light, gas and garage.

The s.s. "President Hayes" arrived yesterday, bringing 122 bags of mail from U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai. The s.s. "Korea Maru" is due to-day with mail from the same places and to-morrow the s.s. "Toku-shima Maru" should arrive with mail from the United Kingdom and Europe via Negapatam (letters and papers, London, December 3, 1925).

It is hoped for the information of Owners and Occupiers of tenements that, under the provisions of the Rating Ordinance, 1901, Ordinance No. 6 of 1901, Rates for the First Quarter of 1926, are payable in advance on or before January 31, 1926. If any person shall fail to pay such Rates on or before February 28, 1926, proceedings will be taken in the Supreme Court for their recovery without further notice. No refund of Rates in respect of vacant tenements will be granted unless such Rates have been paid during and within the month of January, 1926, nor unless application is made for such refund within fifteen days from the expiration of the Quarter.

It is notified that the name of The Mutual Bank of China, Limited has been struck off the Register.

Messrs. Wm. Powell Ltd. furnishing sale commenced yesterday and will continue for nine days more.

Pictures of the disastrous fire at the Hongkong Hotel will be shown at the Queen's Theatre this evening.

The return of Notifiable Diseases for the four days ended Sunday shows one British case of typhus fever.

The Queen's Theatre attraction to-day and to-morrow is "Women Who Give." On Thursday the famous Buster Keaton appears.

Messrs. Macdonald Co.'s sale yesterday attracted numerous buyers who gained bargains galore. The sale continues to-day and to-morrow.

The Territorial Army is not being kept up to its establishment strength because of "women, trade, unions and motorcycles," said Lord Raglan in the House of Lords recently. He declared that young men were not joining the Territorials in sufficient numbers and the causes mentioned had been "enemies" of the Territorials Army since the war. "Women, he said, did not want their husbands and sweethearts to join, and while the young men of pre-war days found the Territorial Army one way of getting off into the country, to-day he uses a motorcycle.

France's summer tourists left ten billion francs in the country. American and British visitors spent that sum during June, July and August, according to the Tourist Bureau. The summer tourist season lasts approximately one hundred days and exports have figured it out that at least \$500,000,000, or \$5,000,000 (U.S.) a day, was spent. With the winter season along the Riviera in full swing and with dollars and pounds flowing into the banks of Southern France, Lie Fiquet says: "This situation constitutes a bright ray of sunshine in France's otherwise cloudy financial affairs."

Henry Ford's "My Life and Work" is to be published in Portuguese—the twelfth language into which this book has been translated. H. G. Wells's "Kipps" is to be published in Czech-Slovakia.

Claim of proof of part of the Einstein theory of relativity was advanced by Professor A. H. Compton of the department of physics of the University of Chicago. "After three years of study I have proved Einstein was correct in his theory that light waves are made up of light particles," Professor Compton told members of the Central Association of Science and Mathematics Teachers. "This will enable scientists to determine the strength of the cosmic ray."

A twelve-year-old Pekinese dog has just committed suicide in Cork after three attempts because he could no longer lord it over other dogs of the household after the advent of a fighting Irish terrier. The Pekinese walked into a shallow stream, twice, but was rescued. Finally he jumped from a bridge and was drowned. For years this little Pekinese had had pride of place over two spaniels. But when the terrier came family things were different. There was a battle. The Pekinese was thoroughly whipped and straightaway started to end his life.

The latest defeat suffered by women seeking equal rights, privileges and treatment with men, in Paris has come from newspaper men who have refused to admit feminine co-workers as members of their press club, which is a state-aided institution. Although French newspapers as a whole support women's rights in general, the attempt by women journalists to obtain the right of joining the press club has been steadily frustrated for years. The question came before a general meeting of the club and the admission of women was defeated by 78 votes against 48.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Fifty Clements is to distribute prizes at the C.M.S. Victoria Home and Orphanage on Wednesday the 13th inst.

The new Institute of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes in Hongkong was opened during the New Year holiday at Rutton Building, Duddell Street.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed the Rev. G. R. Lindsay, Vicar of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, to be Honorary Visiting Chaplain to the Kowloon Hospital.

The second dance of the season in connection with the Kowloon Cricket Club is to be held on the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden on Friday next. Dancing will commence at 8.30 p.m.

Mr. M. Benjamin of Shanghai was married to Mrs. Rose Chase on Christmas day on board the "President Jefferson" when the vessel was on her way to Hongkong.

A writer in a Home paper in an article on Queen Alexandra relates how the late Queen often heard Hans Anderson recite his fairy stories. It is easy to understand, says the writer, why the heroines of fairy tales were so often Princesses.

Among the passengers who arrived on the s.s. "President Hayes" yesterday morning were: Mrs. Edith Ross, on her way to Manila, on behalf of the Protestant Episcopal Mission; Mr. M. L. Stephens, Manager of the Baros Plantation Company (coconut plantations) on his way to Manila; and Professor Edwin Loeb, a well-known anthropologist of the University of California, who is on his way to the Dutch East Indies.

Passengers arriving by s.s. "President Hayes" on her seventh round the world trip included the Hongkong University Rugby team, Mr. C. Z. Southard, author of "Fighting in the Americas," Professor E. Loeb, of the University of California, bound for Dutch East Indies on anthropological research, Baron and Baroness G. G. G. of Bar, bound for Germany.

Mr. H. P. White is due back in the Colony on Friday next.

A Ten dances is to take place at Lee Gardens, to-morrow at 5.30 p.m. Dancing will last until 7.30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Berg, Mr. A. S. Hett, Mr. D. O. Ralph and Mr. J. C. Easterbrook returned to the Colony in the "President Hayes" yesterday.

"See Hongkong from the Air" should attract Hongkong people from January 6 to 19. The Dutch aviator will give passenger flights at \$20 per head, starting from the Kai Tak Reclamation Ground, Kowloon Bay. Booking at Moutrie's and Anderson's or on the Ground. Already one Chinese here is making use of his services and messages with gift coupons are being distributed from the air.

Last year Lord Cecil of Chelwood received the first award of the American Woodrow Wilson Foundation for his work in furthering international peace organisation. He has now decided to devote the award partly to providing an annual prize for the British undergraduate who writes the best essay on the maintenance of peace and partly for the recreation of the staff of the League Secretariat. Lord Cecil has put £1,000 sterling at the disposal of Sir Eric Drummond for the staff of the Secretariat's lawn tennis club for new tennis courts. The Golf Club of Geneva and the staff of the library will also benefit from Lord Cecil's generous gift.

Eightpence a week for groceries to nine women and 1s. a week for bread to a man and a woman, and Regence under the will of Miss Emma A. Ermen, of Torquay, Devon, who left £22,000.

Other bequests include:—£100 each to her maid-servants, Elizabeth Long and Miss Hunt; £100 each to her gardeners, Robert Jessop and Frederick Hunt.

£25 a week to her late head gardener, George Aubrey; £25 a week to her late coachman, Frank Lacey; to be in

Mr. J. Barrow arrived in the Colony from Moji yesterday, by the "Aradim."

A dance at Police Headquarters is to be held to-morrow evening, commencing at 8.30.

Mr. H. C. Shrubsole of the Nestle Milk Co. returned to the Colony by the "President Wilson."

After-dinner dancing will take place nightly in the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel from 9.15 p.m. to midnight. There will be no charge to diners, but non-diners will be charged one dollar per head.

A very enjoyable concert was given by the Jumbies Concert Party, consisting of clever entertainers from the s.s. "Empress of Canada," who were assisted by the "Canada" Orchestra, in the Tai Koo Club last night, the proceeds being for the M.I. Submarine Disaster Fund.

Fashions in "eye-wear" may be noted among the signatures to the Post. The Chamberlain monocle, the Vandervelde pince-nez, and the leather horn-rims. Not one of these is, however, the latest in glasses. It is, indeed, a monocle, but made in. false and right, and does not "screw" into the eye. It has on one side a small clip, bowed to the nose and file-like, which grips the eyeglasses into position and keeps it there—a kind of one-eyed pince-nez.

An agitation has broken out in Colchester for a new mayor's robe to replace the 30-year-old garment now in use. Mrs. Alderice, who was the first woman mayor of the borough, declared at a meeting of the council that during her year of office the only robes she wore were the ones that comprised the mayoral robe. When she appeared with other mayors she felt the mayoral robe and she said she was not a woman mayor. She said she was a woman mayor and she said she was a woman mayor. She said she was a woman mayor and she said she was a woman mayor.

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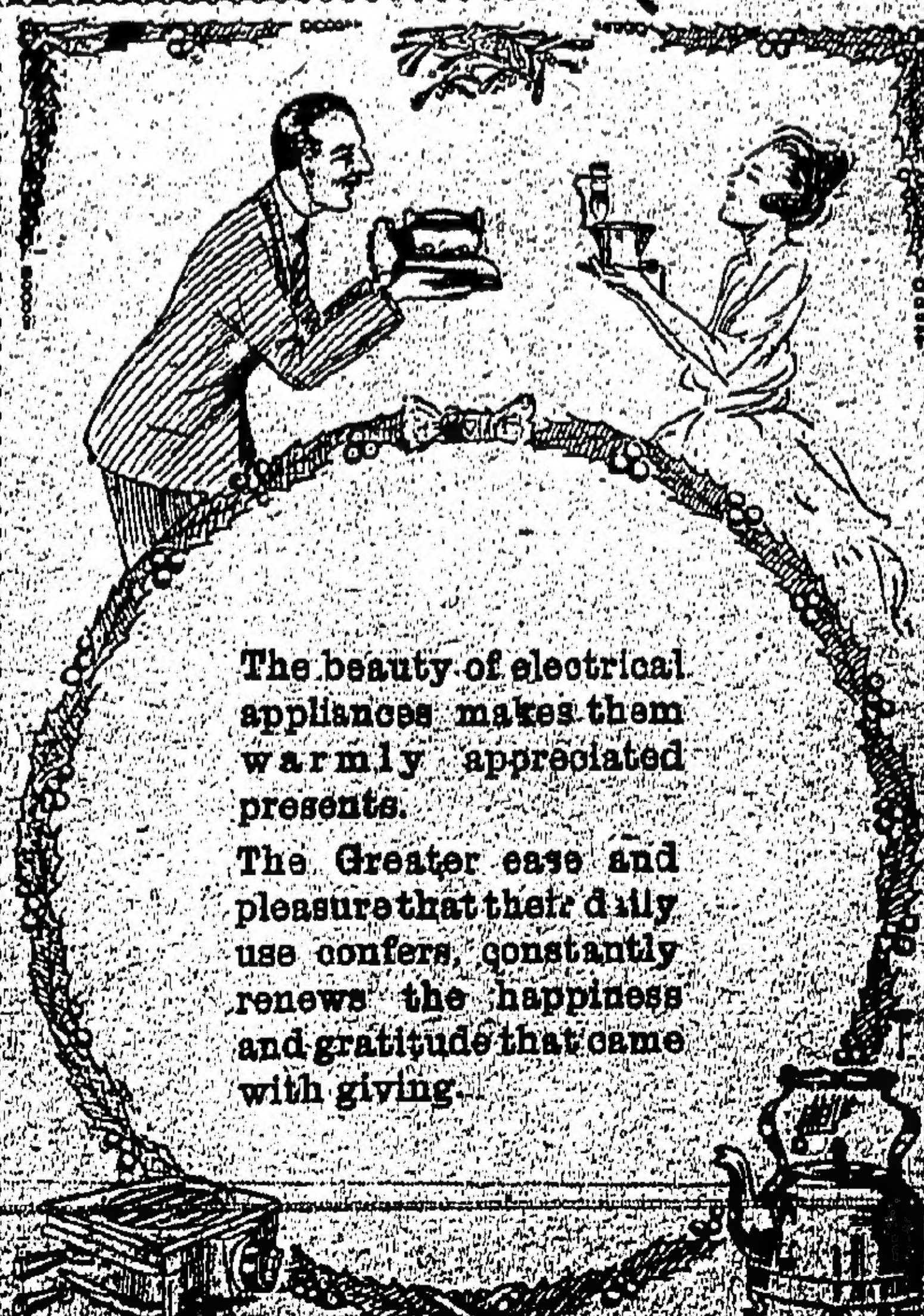
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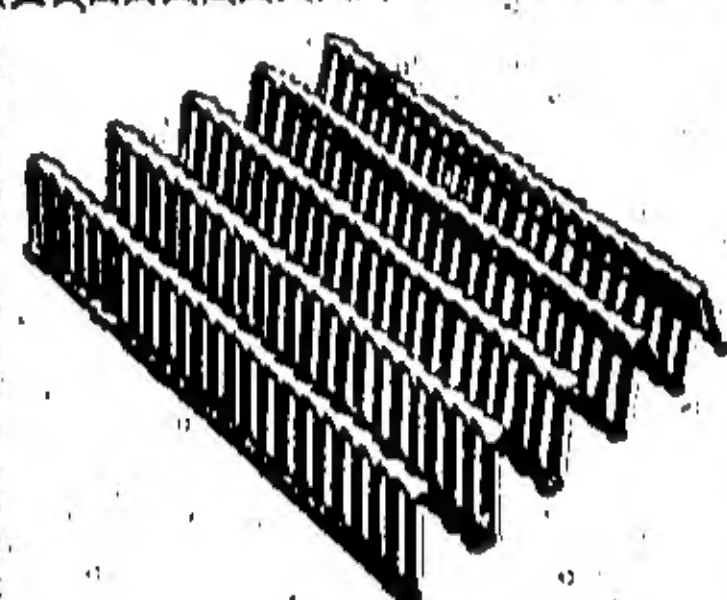
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CHARLES PONZI

Charles Ponzi, the one time "financial wizard" of Boston, is now embarked on a realty scheme in Florida by which he hopes to realize \$2,000,000 and, he says, pay off his creditors.



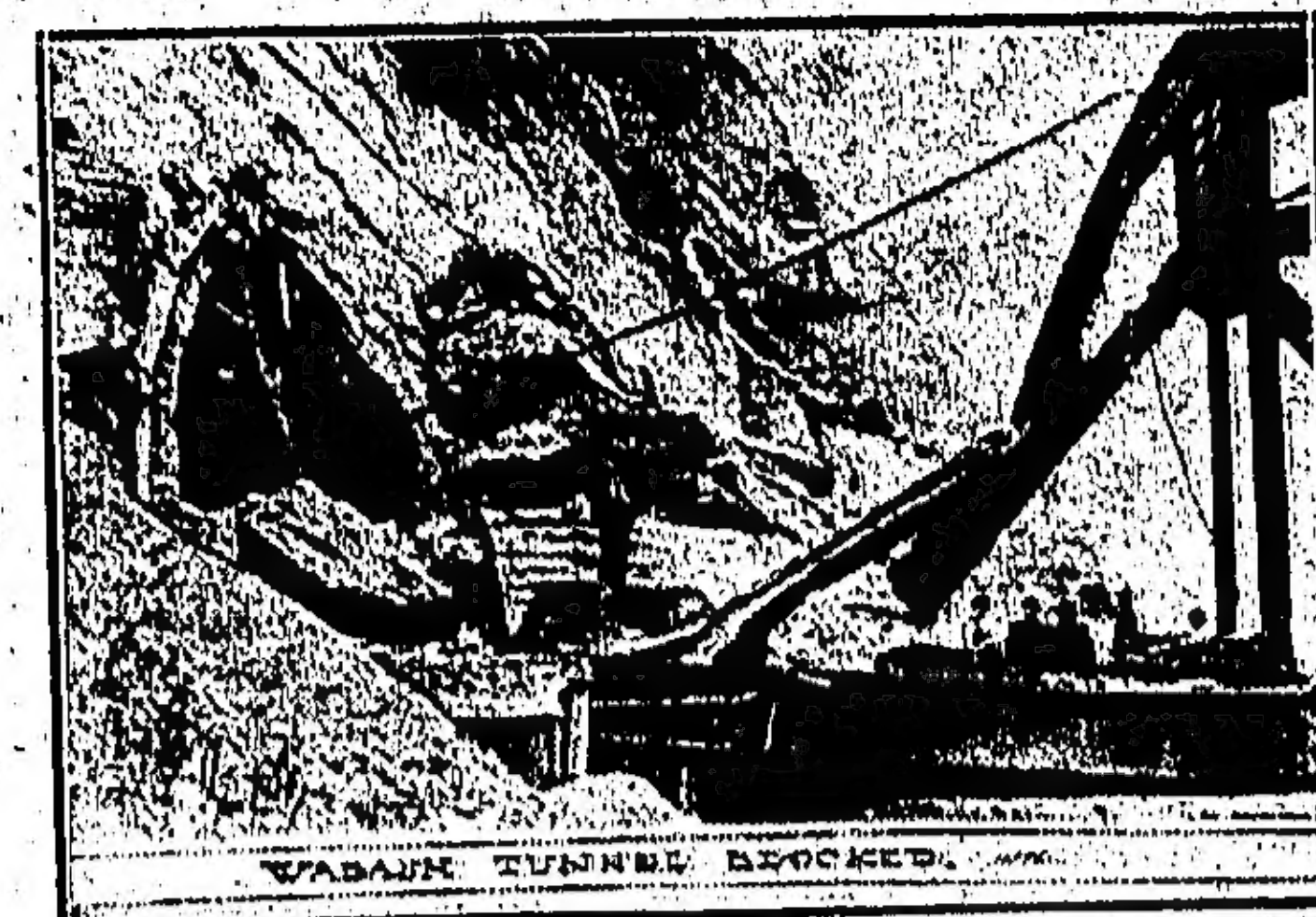
ELMER CARLSON

Pounding the pavement as a guardian of the peace is the role assumed by Elmer Carlson, senior at the University of Wisconsin. Carlson used his wages as a patrolman in Madison, Wis., to pay his way through college.



RUDOLPH VALENTINO

A homely wife who would be the mother of a flock of children, even ten, is the main desire in life of Rudolph Valentino, of screen fame, according to his own words as he departed for Europe, gossip says, to hasten a divorce for Mrs. Valentino.



Heavy rains sent huge boulders down on the tracks of the Wabash tunnel twisting the steel girders of the bridge out of shape and tying up traffic for several days.



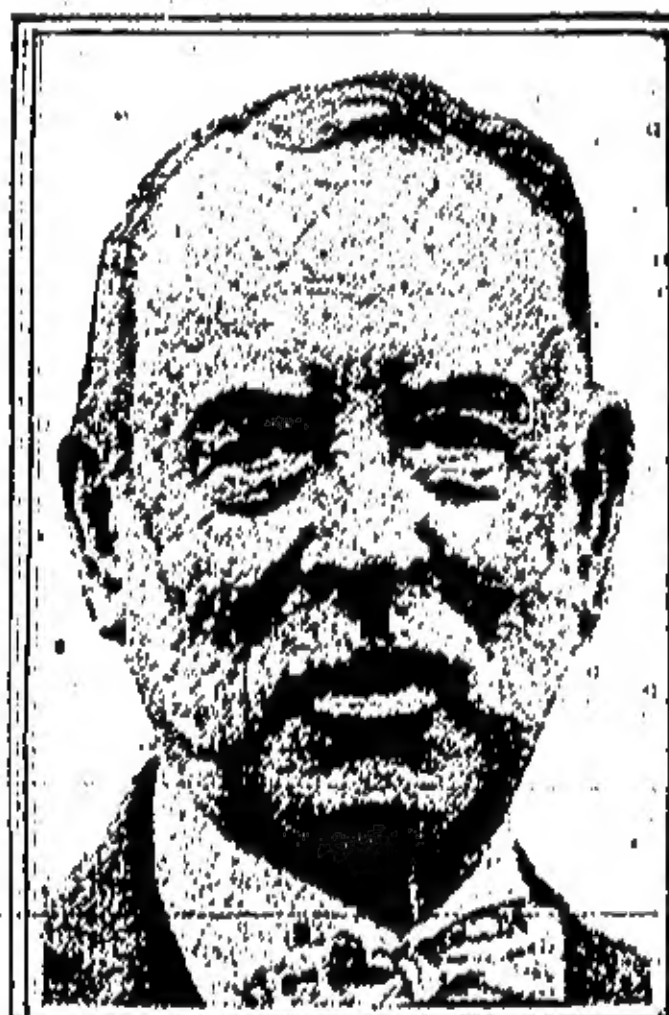
JEANNETTE LITTLE DOG

Spurning the use of rouge, Jeannette Little Dog, full blooded Indian, lost in a beauty contest at the first Indian Congress.



RIZA KHAN PAHLEVI

Riza Khan Pahlavi, who began life as a groom, has been made King of Persia.



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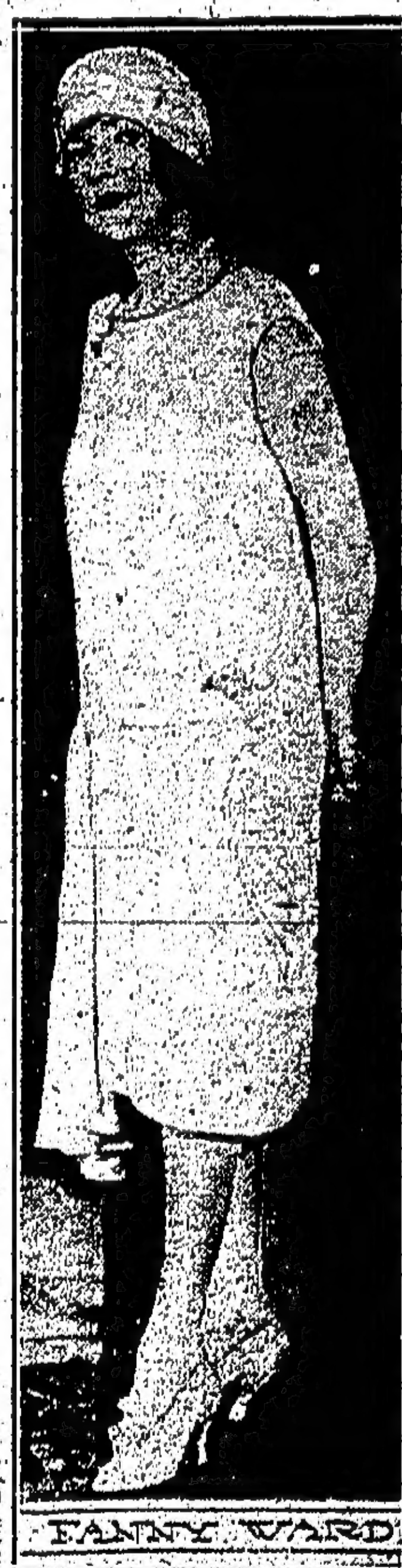


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STELLA PATRICK CAMPBELL

George Baker, veteran banker, has taken to golf. Kate Rosenberg, one of the best informed women in England, has written a book on how Great Britain is governed. Re-elected to Congress, John W. Langley, must serve two years for conspiracy to violate the Volstead Act. Stella Patrick Campbell, daughter of the famous English actress is following her mother's profession.



FANNY WARD

As young in her looks as the youngest flapper, Fanny Ward, of stage and screen fame was adored in the long ago by the granddads of to-day.



HANDS OF MRS. CHAUNCEY OLCOTT

Chauncey Olcott, the actor, who was supposed to be dying, has recovered completely. He attributes his victory to the many prayers offered for his health and to the deft hands of his wife who cared for him in his illness.

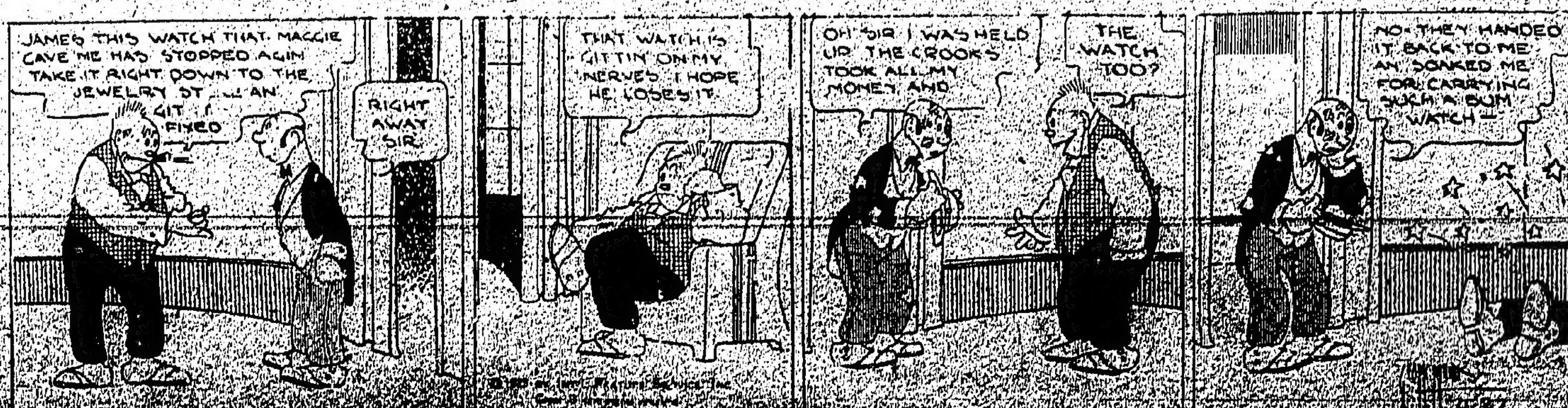
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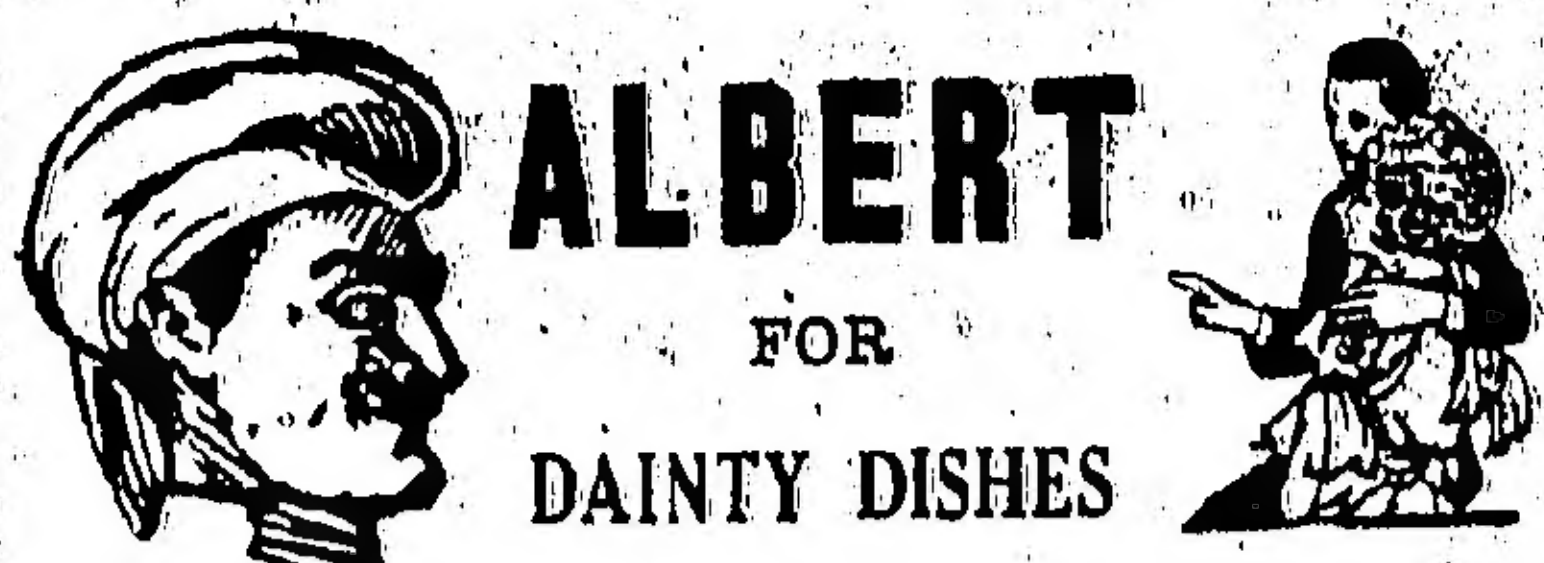
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During the periods of emotional tension men, and women always show an increased inclination to listen to music or to dance to it, writes a student of psychology in the "Daily Chronicle." Such increased inclination was obvious during the war. It remains today as a sure proof that the process of "settling down" is far from complete. Large numbers of people still feel the need of hitching their emotions to a rhythm. Thus, "dancing crazes" succeeds to dancing crazes, and every place of substantial public refreshment has a band. Thus, crude rhythms maintain their sway over the public mind. The very first sign of stabilisation, after a period of upheaval, is a certain damping up of the channels by which popular feeling has spent itself. The crude rhythms give place to rhythms of greater complication. In other words, emotional tension having fallen, it is necessary to conserve what remains of feeling rather than to assist in feelings' overflow. Thus, when dancing forsakes the go-as-you-please phase in which it begins to matter again, when a spate of formalism becomes agreeable, it will be possible to say that our world has passed the crest of the present emotional wave. There are faint signs—very faint, let it be emphasised—of the beginnings of such a reaction. But, on the other hand, the really strenuous efforts which have been made, during the past two or three seasons, to restore "real dancing" have borne singularly little fruit.

The Goldfish's Fate.

The dismantling of Wembley, and the removal of the Exhibition's livestock to various destinations, raises once again the question so often and so boldly asked—When will the goldfish come into its own? (writes "Yorkick" in the "Sunday Chronicle.") It would seem that the old controversy must Page anew, for a newspaper states that while the rest of the livestock is being taken away "the fate of the goldfish in the Wembley ponds has yet to be decided." My friends, when I think of those engaging little creatures—left friendless and alone in all that mighty place, I am as one haunted. Think of it—within the next few weeks thousands of innocent goldfish are to be turned adrift, perhaps destitute, and forced to beg a few coppers for a night's lodging. Of all pathetic sights known to man, the worst must be that of a goldfish in reduced circumstances. And yet unless something is done, within a month our casual wards will be

full of goldfish. As one who has always been strongly pro-goldfish, I took occasion some few years ago to make my attitude known to the general public. When the Upper Tooting League of Little Helpers sought to make me a presentation as a token of esteem and regard, I gently but firmly declined the offer of a silver epergne, a pair of gentlemen's hairbrushes (in case), or a Substantial Choque. "Give me," I said, "1 glass bowl and 1 goldfish, suitably inscribed." This request was very readily acceded to; and the goldfish remains on my dresser to this day, a cheery companion and a formidable enemy to all unwanted intruders. For a time it seemed that my little gesture would have the effect desired. The demand for goldfish increased considerably, and at Christmas "Give Her Goldfish" was the slogan in every shop window.

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At the Dress Show.

The straight line holds its own, in spite of the attractiveness of many "flared" models. The little half-way veil is again worn—with small mitre-shaped hats. Leather coats of red or dark blue have collar, cuffs, and a border of brown or grey fur. With the high-collared frock or overblouse twin brooches are worn, one at the base of the collar and the other lower on the corsage. Silver is extremely fashionable, more so even than gold, and appears in the dull and shining varieties on every other evening dress that attracts attention. Skirts are shorter and sleeves, when present, longer than ever. There is an attempt to introduce the coat-scape, and some of the models, particularly those in wine-red or bottle-green velvet, recall Jane Austen days.—"Daily Chronicle."

"Dund" Soldiers Alive.

Remarkable experiences were related to Stonehouse Plymouth (England), Board of Guardians recently by an applicant for relief, who complained of the high charges for street organs. He said he was in the Canadian Regiment during the war, and that he spoke many languages. He could not obtain a permanent pension because he carried his own death certificate, and he could not take any one to see his name on a memorial stone in London. Although he was still attempting to do so he had never been able to prove his identity. Quite a number of cases of soldiers who have been reported killed or missing during the war returning home to find their names on the local war memorials have occurred. Three years ago William Nelson Haynes, living in East Ham, E., who had twice been reported dead, went for the Mitham, Surrey, gasworks, and asked to be reinstated in the post he held before the war, and learned that his name was on the firm's Roll of Honour as being dead. At Pontardawe (Swansea Valley), in June, 1922, Stoker Glyn Williams, whose name appeared on the local war memorial, turned up after an absence of eight years.

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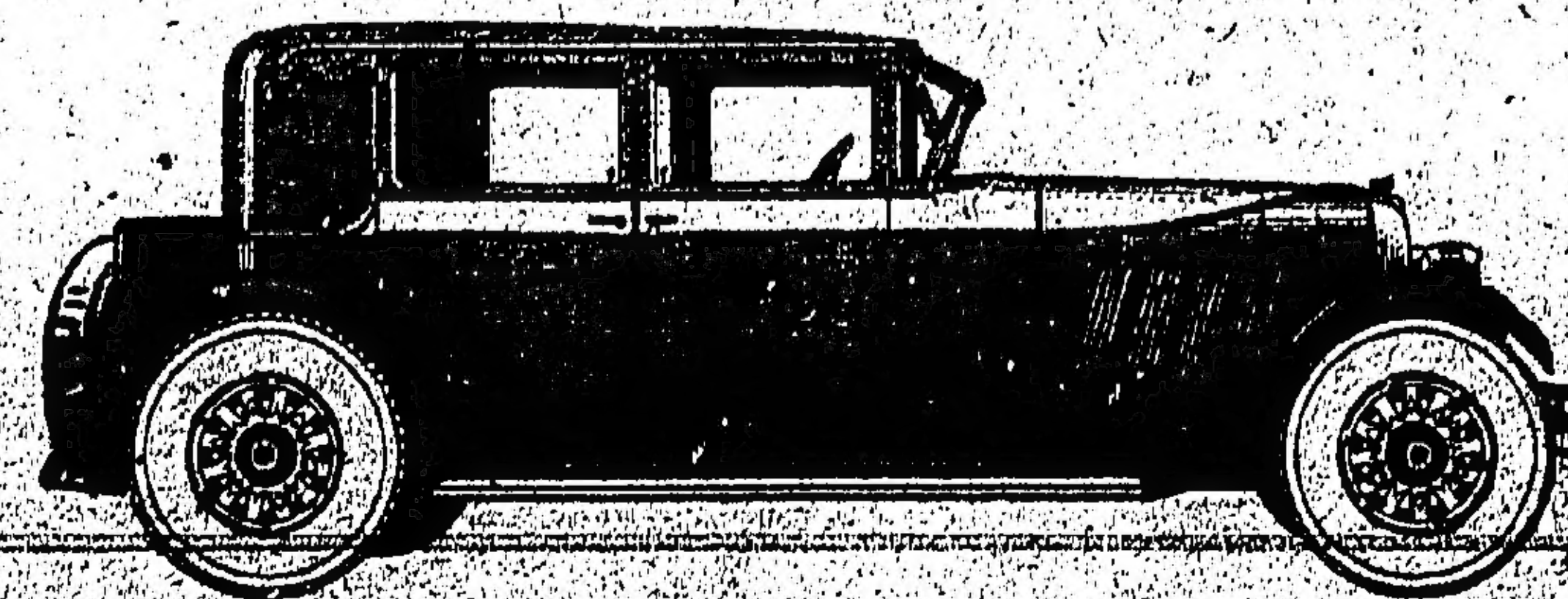
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